

DAILY BULLETIN

Rodent droppings, cockroaches lead to restaurant closures at Ontario Mills mall

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ONTARIO >> Four restaurants in the Ontario Mills mall were closed by health inspectors this week.

The San Bernardino County Environmental Health Department was conducting a plan check consultation of several locations Wednesday when the violations were found.

At the first location, which was only titled S, inspectors were visiting the recent expansion and found several nymph and adult cockroaches “throughout the commissary and in the adjoining hallway behind the food court.”

The inspector also observed sewage back up in the janitorial room floor drain when water drained at the mop sink and in the adjacent women’s restroom floor drain.

Inspectors shut down both the Sweet Factory Shop and Stone Oven because of an “active infestation of cockroaches observed during a plan check consultation for commissary expansion. Cockroaches observed in commissary room and in hallway connected to other food court facilities at the main food court of the Ontario Mills Mall.”

At Stone Oven, inspectors found more than 10 rodent droppings, including on the floor near the ice machine. Rodent droppings were also found underneath and on top of the soda syrup boxes.

While at Sweet Factory, inspectors found there was no hot water and the floor drain under “the three compartment sink was observed to be draining slowly and backing up when the water was turned on at the three compartment sink.”

Concerned there was a trend, inspectors decided to visit neighboring food facility, Chicken Now.

“Observed 2 nymph German cockroaches under dry storage racks and 1 nymph under the food preparation sink. Eliminate all vermin from facility. Sanitize all affected surfaces and maintain facility free of vermin,” the report states.

Inspectors also found major leaks the under hand sink and behind 3-compartment sink.

All four locations were shut down and had supervisory reviews for Thursday, Sept. 7. An Ontario Mills spokesperson said the locations reopened Friday.