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New Mobile Website Lets Consumers View Sacramento County Food Inspection Results from Smartphones

Free Android application available now

Sacramento County Department of Environmental Management (EMD) has launched a food inspection website specially designed for mobile devices. When accessed from a smartphone (iPhone, Droid, Windows, etc.), the website, m.ffi.saccounty.net, shows the user's current location and nearby retail food facilities marked on the map. The color of the marker indicates the most recent food inspection placard result (Green, Yellow or Red, matching the placard posted at facility) and inspection date, along with links to view the full inspection report and inspection history.
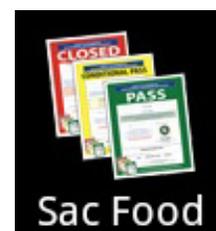
Website features include the ability to search by facility name, which displays the results in proximity order, with the nearest facility at the top of the list. Tapping on the marker for a specific facility pops up a balloon with the facility name, last inspection date, and links to more information.

The data is refreshed once a day, and unlike some other third-party websites and phone applications, is complete for all food facilities in Sacramento County. Food facilities include restaurants, bars, grocery stores, convenience stores, school cafeterias and most facilities that dispense food to the public.

Developed in partnership with the Sacramento County Department of Technology, the mobile website is designed to make it easier for residents and visitors to access food inspection data, said EMD director Val Siebal. "This feature takes advantage of the growing popularity of mobile devices that can look up information on the go without waiting to get back to a home or office computer."

The data is hosted with GoogleFusion Tables, an option that is low cost and accessible to anyone with internet access. In addition, a free Android application has been developed that can be downloaded from the Android Market and provides the same functionality. Search for "Sacramento Food" in the Android Market application store. EMD plans to develop a similar application for the iPhone and Windows Phone platforms.

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