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Restaurant Inspection Results Now Available via Free iPhone App

Mobile website and smartphone apps offer consumers ability to navigate Sacramento eateries and check food safety record

Sacramento County recently added an iPhone application to the previously available food inspection mobile website and Android phone app. Like the Android app and the mobile web site, the new iPhone app displays the user's current location with nearby retail food facilities marked on the map. The color of the marker indicates the most recent food inspection result (Green, Yellow or Red, matching the placard on display at the facility) and inspection date, along with links to view the nearby food facilities. The free iPhone application is available in the iTunes app store, easily located by searching for 'Sacramento Food.'

A recently added new feature for the iPhone and Android apps, as well as to the mobile food inspection website itself (m.ffi.saccounty.net), is the physical distance from your current location when displaying the list of near-by facilities.

App and website features also include the ability to search by facility name, which will display the search 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 for 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 iPhone app, along with the Android app and the mobile website is designed to make it easier for Sacramento County residents and visitors to access the food inspection data. It 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.

Don't have an Android or iPhone? The mobile food inspection website (<http://m.ffi.saccounty.net>) is available to anyone with a mobile device that can browse the Internet.

Visit EMD's website at www.emd.saccounty.net.

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