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Low Rating for One Darien Food-Serving Location in Latest Darien Health Inspection Reports

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One Darien food-serving establishment received the lowest rating ("C") from health inspectors among the six inspection reports just released by the town Health Department. (See all the inspection results below.)

Details about the towns rating system for restaurants and other food serving establishments are at the bottom of this article, and you can find [an article about the ratings system here](#).

Most recent inspection results

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In the list of health inspection results, below, information is listed by name, address, date of inspection, Darien rating, state score, inspector's comments that led to the state rating and additional remarks on the inspection report.

Dates link to the food establishment's inspection report referenced here (when available, sometimes it takes a while to get posted online), and Darien's own A/B/C ratings link to a Web page showing several of the restaurant's recent inspection ratings.

See also:

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (April 28)
- [Darien Health Department Starts Letter Grades for Food Service Inspections](#)

For restaurants and other food-serving establishments rated "C," and for some others of interest to the public (like schools) additional information is given. When we provide that information here, then words within brackets ("[]") have been added for clarity by Darienite.com; semicolons like this (";") separate individual comments, each one with a particular violation that triggers a point deduction from that perfect state score of 100 points.

Here's an alphabetical list of the most recently released results of Darien health inspections (keep in mind that a food-serving establishment with a history of good ratings may occasionally get a poor inspection rating, occasionally the best do, and every restaurant normally gets a few things wrong):

- **Abello's Deli — 72 Tokeneke Road — [April 29](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 78 — Inspector's Remarks: "Unclean floors throughout kitchen area; unclean rags not in sanitizing solution; food workers not wearing hair restraints; uncovered food held out on the counter; can opener blade is dirty; meat-slicing machine is kept unclean; improper sink used for hand washing; hood system filters are very unclean; dirty ceiling vents; must have thermometer visible inside reach-in cooler; inside of reach-in coolers are dirty; sausages held out on the counter at 85 degrees; no hand-washing observed throughout inspection. Food workers do not change soiled [unclear word] or wash hands in between tasks; no paper towel available near hand sink."**
- Dunkin Donuts — 967 Post Road — May 3 — Town Rating: A — State Score: 93
- Steam — 971 Post Road — [May 2](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 97

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- Subway — 22-26 Heights Road — May 3 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 98
- Woodway Country Club (main kitchen) — 540 Hoyt St. — [April 29](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93
- Woodway Country Club (pool snack bar) — 540 Hoyt St. — April 29 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 96

How Darien's restaurants are now rated

Restaurants in town are rated under the Darien Health Department's own A/B/C ratings system. Health inspectors also use the state health code regulations to score restaurants, with a perfect score set at 100, and demerits (of 1 to 4 points each) for various code violations.

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The Darien system takes into account problems that are ongoing, so a restaurant scoring higher than others on the state scale may actually get a lower score on the Darien scale.

You can find the past several inspection ratings under the Darien ratings system for food-serving establishments [on this website](#), and now you can also find copies of inspection reports, including state health code scores in the same place.

Any establishment actually deemed unsafe can be closed by the town Health Department until violations are fixed. Town Health Director David Knauf says that has never happened in the time he's been with the department.