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'C' Rating for One Darien Restaurant in Latest Health Inspection Reports

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A "C" rating, the worst in the town's A-B-C ratings system, went to one town restaurant in the six food health inspection reports released Thursday by Darien Health Department.

The most recent batch of reports are from inspections that took place from Feb. 6 to 11. Three establishments received a rating of "B," and another two were rated "A."

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.

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Here's an alphabetical list of the most recently released health inspection results (an explanation of how this list is put together is immediately below it):

—Bodega Taco Bar — 980 Post Road — [Feb. 11](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 94

—Darien Butcher Shop — 13 Grove St. — [Feb. 6](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 94

—Dunkin Donuts — Darien South rest stop, Interstate 95 — [Feb. 11](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 94

—Palmer's Market — 264 Heights Road — [Feb. 6](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 90

—Steam — 971 Post Road — [Feb. 8](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 77 — *Inspector's Remarks:* "Three large sheet pan trays of dumplings cooling at 56 degrees, bowl of green beans at 71 degrees (on counter) and wontons inside a bag at 66 degrees (inside the [bain marie](#) on the cook line); no working food thermometer on the line (two not working); two employees handling raw chicken in back preparation area ... moving to other tasks without hand washing; during [doing?] prep work on top of trash cans X2 boxes and oil jug on top of food preparation counters; sanitizer buckets are not in use (no bucket available in back prep room with large amounts of raw chicken being handled); just dipping in third bay [sink?] ... adequate contact time needed!?!; a large stack of sheet pans left unclean, bowls unclean over three-bay sink, raw chicken juice dripping down a rolling cart onto other stored trays; plastic tubs without labels on the cook line; thawing two large pieces of raw beef on the counter; surfaces around the fryer and grill unclean, shelving of rolling cart on the line unclean; accumulation of trash and boxes inside and outside back door; unclean floors throughout and inside freezer walk-in; water coming in from the ceiling near the line/hood system (must be addressed today)." — *Inspector's Comments:* "Do not stack wet bowls on the shelf above the three-bay sink, who has been trained? Ongoing training with Franklin Chu when is the next training scheduled? Clean the vent in the public restroom."

—Subway — Darien South rest stop, Interstate 95 — [Feb. 11](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 96

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.

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 (";") separate individual comments by the inspectors. Each comment separated by semicolons is about a particular violation that triggers a deduction of one or more points from a perfect state score of 100.

See also:

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (Feb. 7)
- [STAMFORD](#) online health inspection results
- [NORWALK](#) online health inspection ratings ([explanation of ratings](#))

You can find the past several inspection ratings under the **Darien** ratings system for food-serving establishments along with copies of inspection reports, including state health code scores [on this website](#).

How Darien's Food-Serving Places Are 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.

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.