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'C' Rating for one Darien Restaurant in Latest Darien Health Inspections

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One Darien restaurant received a grade of "C, the lowest of the three town Health Department ratings, in the seven most recently released health inspections. The restaurant received a "B" in the next inspection, days later.

In other inspection reports, another food serving establishment in town received a "B," and four others were rated "A." The inspections were conducted from Jan. 5 to 11.

Most Recent Inspection Results

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Here's an alphabetical list of the most recently released health inspection results (an explanation for each part of the list, including links, is just below the list).

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 (an explanation of how this list is put together is immediately below it):

—**Bodega Taco Bar — 980 Post Road — [Jan. 5](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 87** — *Inspector's Remarks:* "**Overstocking [bain](#) marie (x3) on the cook line, food temps 45 to 46. Cheese stacked up on top at 54 degrees. Upstairs walk-in [refrigerator] at 49 degrees (original walk-in). SMS called to repair unit; chips in large tubs stored upstairs uncovered on shelving; in use--bar area dish[washing] machine not pulling bleach; items not in original containers without a label ([cook] line and dry storage); no handle to dispense salsa on the line; small flies observed upstairs and in bar area -- recent exterminator report requested; ceiling tiles missing upstairs.**" — *Inspector's Comments:* "**Latex gloves used in upstairs prep area (latex glove ban). Reviewed process of large batch cooling and temperature logs with manager and employees.**"

—**Bodega Taco Bar — 980 Post Road — [Jan. 11](#) — Town Rating: B — State Score: 98** — *Inspector's Remarks:* "**No waste receptacle near hand sink on the [cook] line; granular food containers not in original containers stored without a label.**" — *Inspector's Comments:* "**Improvements made from previous routine inspection. Latex gloves are not in use. Upstairs walk-in [refrigerator] was reported by SMS (invoice provided). ABC is treating for fruit/drain flies last report provide with date of service 12/18/17. Ice baths in use upstairs and logs available for review. Head chef has returned from vacation and was on site during inspection.**"

—Country Club of Darien — 300 Mansfield Ave. — Jan. 9 — Town Rating: A — State Score: 97

—Country Club of Darien satellite kitchen — 300 Mansfield Ave. — Jan. 9 — Town Rating: A — State Score: 97

—Driftwood Diner — 171 Post Road — Jan. 8 — Town Rating: B — State Score: 91

—Embody — 380 Heights Road — Jan. 10 — Town Rating: A — State Score: 94

—Rory's — 416 Post Road — Jan. 8 — Town Rating: A — State Score: 95

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 (Dec. 14)
- [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 by the inspectors. Each comment is about a particular violation that triggers a deduction of one or more points from a perfect state score of 100.

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.

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.