

How Darien Restaurants, Schools, Elderly Residences and Other Establishments Fared in Latest Inspections

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Here's how Darien restaurants and other food-serving places fared in the latest inspection reports, released Thursday by the Darien Health Department.

- **SEE ALSO:** [“Health Board Endorses Fine for Restaurants Not Posting Health Ratings, Higher Fees for Repeated Inspection Failures“](#) (Monday, Dec. 23)

The department released 11 health inspection reports on Thursday, for inspections that took place from Jan. 6 to 14. Of those, two inspections resulted in a "B" rating and "A" was the rating for nine others. No "C" ratings were given.

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.

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):

SCHOOLS:

—Darien High School — High School Lane — [Jan. 10](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 95 — *Inspectors Remarks: "Knife stored unclean x 2 [two knives?] -- corrected; inside of door covering ice machine is cracked or broken in multiple spots; replace bulb in walk-in freezer."* — *Inspector's Comments: "A second issuance of violation regarding ice machine door. Replacement part not available. Solution may be to remove the broken piece with insulation and just have the metal flap covering ice. Labeling is really good. All hot-holding OK."*

—Hindley School — 10 Nearwater Lane — [Jan. 10](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 98 — *Inspector's Remarks: "Waste receptacle stored on top of hand sink on the service line -- corrected."* — *Inspector's Comments: "Clean and organized. Food items were on floor in both storage and walk-in. Delivery just arrived and being checked in during inspection. Produce washed, glove use and hand washing observed. Holding: soup:146 degrees, pizza: 165 degrees; tuna sandwich: 56 -- made about one hour prior from dry storage."*

ELDERLY RESIDENCES

—Maplewood At Darien — 599 Post Road — [Jan. 14](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 97

—The Residence at Selleck's Woods — 1 Parklands Dr. — [Jan. 9](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

RESTAURANTS, ETC.

—Godgitto Inc. (Sushi) at Fjord Fish Market — 1015 Post Road — [Jan. 11](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Hibachi Sushi Ya — 111 Old Kings Hwy. North — [Jan. 11](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 90

—Juice Press at Equinox — 72 Heights Road — [Jan. 6](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 90

—Michael Joseph's Inc. — 1405 Post Road — [Jan. 11](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Fjord Fish Market — 1015 Post Road — [Jan. 11](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Saint Luke's Parish — 1864 Post Road — [Jan. 9](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 98

—Subway Sandwich Shop — 22-26 Heights Road — [Jan. 9](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 97

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:

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](#).

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (Jan. 10)
- [STAMFORD online health inspection results](#)
- [NORWALK online health inspection ratings](#) ([explanation](#) of ratings)

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.

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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.