

## **Latest Darien Health Inspection Ratings, Including Elementary Schools: 12 Good, 2 Fair, 1 Poor**

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Twelve Darien food-serving establishments received "Good" ratings in the most recently released Darien Health Department inspections, another two were rated "Fair," and one received a rating of "Poor."

Details about the towns rating system for restaurants and other food serving establishments are at the bottom of this article.

### **The most recent inspection results**

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 ratings link to a Web page showing several of the restaurant's recent inspection ratings.

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#### ***See also:***

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (Sept. 19)
- [You Can Now Read Full Health Inspection Reports on Darien Restaurants Online](#)

For restaurants and other food-serving establishments rated "poor," 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 "Fair" or "Poor" inspection rating, occasionally the best do, and every restaurant normally gets a few things wrong):

### *Schools:*

- Hindley School — 10 Nearwater Lane — [Sept. 23](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100
- Holmes School — 18 Hoyt St. — [Sept. 26](#) — [GOOD](#) — 99 — Inspector's remarks: "Shelving above grease trap needs to be resurfaced to maintain cleanliness."
- Ox Ridge School — 395 Mansfield Ave. — [Sept. 28](#) — [GOOD](#) — 99 — Inspector's remarks: "Utensils not properly stored."
- Royle School — 133 Mansfield Ave. — [Sept. 28](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98 — Inspector's remarks: "No waste receptacle at ware-wash hand sink; milk crates used as shelving in storage area."
- Tokeneke School — 7 Old Farm Road — [Sep. 19](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100

### *Other food-serving establishments:*

- Dunkin Donuts — 967 Post Road — [Sept. 23](#) — [GOOD](#)
- Embody Fitness Gourmet — 72 Heights Road (at Equinox fitness club) — Sept. 26 — [FAIR](#) — 90
- Frosty Bear Cafe — 1441 Post Road (at Darien Library) — [Sept. 16](#) — [GOOD](#) — 96
- Fuji's Restaurant — 111 Old Kings Hwy. N. — [Sept. 28](#) — [FAIR](#) — 89
- Lithos Estiatorio — 319 Post Road — [Sept. 16](#) — [GOOD](#) — 94
- Papa Joe's — 1973 Post Road — [Sept. 28](#) — [GOOD](#) — 94
- Starbucks — 815 Post Road — [Sept. 23](#) — [GOOD](#) — 95
- **Tengda Asian Bistro — 25 Old Kings Hwy. N. (at Goodwives Shopping Plaza) — [Sept. 27](#) — [POOR](#) — 86 — Inspector's remarks: "Raw meats stored over ready-to-eat foods in walk-in [cooler] (corrected); food items stored on floor in walk-in [cooler]; shelving unclean in walk-in cooler; knives stored unclean (corrected); utensils stored between equipment; foods stored in none [no?] commercial grade containers; milk crates used as shelving in walk-in [cooler]; shelving at cook line unclean; back door open; floors unclean; walls unclean in kitchen; outside dumpster area cluttered."**
- Unidine — 100 Tokeneke Road (at Zotos International) — [Sept. 19](#) — [GOOD](#) — 94
- Whole Foods Market — 150 Ledge Road — [Sept. 16](#) — [GOOD](#) — 92 — Inspector's additional comments: "Single-serve utensil dispensers in use. New Dumpsters in place. Garbage area clean and

odorless."

### **How Darien's restaurants are rated**

Restaurants in town are rated under the Darien Health Department's own Good/Fair/Poor 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 or that have been fixed, so a restaurant scoring higher than others on the state scale may actually get a lower score on the Darien scale, or vice versa.

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.