

Latest Darien Health Inspections of Restaurants, Other Food Serving Establishments

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Here are the latest Darien Health Department inspection reports of restaurant and food-serving establishments in town.



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.

See also:

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (June 14)
- [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 here, then information within brackets (" []") has 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 "Fair" or "Poor" inspection rating, occasionally the best do, and every restaurant normally gets a few things wrong):

- Cesco's Trattoria — Goodwife's Shopping Center at 25 Old Kings Hwy. N. — [June 9](#) — [GOOD](#) — 91
- Darien Doughnut — 370 Heights Road — [June 13](#) — [GOOD](#) — 99
- The Waters Edge at Giovanni's — 2748 Post Road — June 9 — [FAIR](#) — 92
- Meatball & Co. — 23 Tokeneke Road — [June 20](#) — [GOOD](#) — 94
- The Melting Pot — 14 Grove St. — [June 17](#) — [FAIR](#) — 92
- Papa Joe's — 1973 Post Road — [June 2](#) — [GOOD](#) — 94
- Planet Pizza — 882 Post Road — [June 20](#) — [GOOD](#) — 93
- Stop & Shop — 148 Heights Road — [June 21](#) — [GOOD](#) — 97
- Sugar Bowl — 1033 Post Road — [June 20](#) — [GOOD](#) — 99
- Taco Bell — Interstate 95 Darien South rest stop — [June 13](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98
- 1020 Post Oyster Bar and Bistro — 1020 Post Road — [June 17](#) — [GOOD](#) — 93
- Tokeneke Beach Club — 4 Butlers Island Road — [June 10](#) — [GOOD](#) — 95
- Upper Crust Bakery & Cafe — 980 Post Road — [June 20](#) — [FAIR](#) — 92

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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.