

Latest Darien Restaurant Health Inspection Ratings: 4 Good, 3 Fair, 1 Poor

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Four Darien restaurants received "Good" ratings in the latest eight Darien Health Department inspections, three others were rated "Fair" and one was deemed "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.

See also:

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (July 6)
- [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):

- Bodega Taco Bar — 980 Post Road — [July 18](#) — [GOOD](#) — 92
- Burgers, Shakes & Fries — 800 Post Road — [June 30](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98 — Inspector's remarks: "All violations from previous inspection taken care of."
- Darien Seafood Market — 1941 Post Road — July 11 — [FAIR](#) — 94
- **Dunkin Donuts — 967 Post Road — [July 11](#) — [POOR](#) — 92 — Inspector's Remarks: "Bagels left uncovered during storage; hand washing not observed. After handling money, workers did not wash hands before putting lids on coffee cups; no toilet tissue available in men's room; utensils not properly stored between use (hanging from equipment)."**
- Fuji's Restaurant — 111 Old Kings Hwy. N. — [July 1](#) — [FAIR](#) — 90
- Mama Carmella's — 1981 Post Road — [June 30](#) — [FAIR](#) — 93
- Mather Center: Darien Senior Program — 2 Renshaw Road — [July 11](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100
- McDonald's Restaurant — Interstate 95 South Rest Stop — [July 11](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98

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.