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Latest Health Inspection Reports for Darien Restaurants and a School

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Here are the latest town Health Department inspection reports from Darien food-serving establishments and one school.

The reports were based on inspectors' visits from May 21 to 25.

Most Recent Inspection Results

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).

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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):

Editor's note: The Health Department has not updated its website with information from the latest health inspections.

—Country Club of Darien Snack Bar — 300 Mansfield Ave. — May 25 — [Town Rating: not given](#) — State Score: 90

—Embody Fitness Gourmet — 380 Heights Road — May 16 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Palmer's Market — 264 Heights Road — May 21 — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 89

—**Royle School — 133 Mansfield Ave. — May 18 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 100**

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 (May 17)
- [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 (";") 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.

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 along with copies of inspection reports, including state health code scores [on this website](#).

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.