

## **Latest Health Inspections for Darien Restaurants, Other Food-Serving Establishments**

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Six Darien food-serving establishments each received an "A" — the best rating in the town's A-B-C health inspection ratings system, and two others got a "B" in the nine most recent reports released Thursday by Darien Health Department.

None of the inspections resulted in the worst rating — "C" — for any of the establishments. The eight inspections took place between April 24 and May 2.

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.

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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):

- Bistro Baldanza — 1020 Post Road — [April 29](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 91
- Browne & Company — 865 Post Road — [May 1](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 97
- Driftwood Diner — 171 Post Road — [April 26](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 97
- Mama Carmela's — 1981 Post Road — [April 29](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 91
- McDonald's — Darien North rest stop, Interstate 95 — [April 24](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 91
- Meatball & Co. — 23 Tokeneke Road — [May 1](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93
- Stop & Shop — Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy. North — [May 2](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93
- Subway — Darien North rest stop, Interstate 95 — [April 24](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 96

**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.

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*See also:*

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (April 25)
- [STAMFORD](#) online health inspection results
- [NORWALK](#) online health inspection ratings ([explanation of ratings](#))

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](#).

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## **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.

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.