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One Darien Food-Serving Establishment Gets Worst Rating in Latest Health Inspections

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One food-serving establishment received the lowest rating ("C") , two others got the the middling rating ("B") and one received the top rating of "A" in the most recently released health inspection reports from Darien Health Department.

The four inspections were done from Nov. 8 to 14.

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).

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):

—Atria Darien — 50 Ledge Road — [Nov. 14](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — **State Score: 88** — *Inspector's Remarks: "Soup cooling from previous day at 48 to 49 degrees, covered in walk-in [cooler] (oatmeal from morning service covered and cooling at 98 degrees) large batches cooling in walk-in should not be covered but protected while cooling; bare-hand contact upon entry to the kitchen; utensils/scoops stored unclean; tape and baggie on spray hose (ware wash) and seal hand sink to wall in service area; leaky plumbing at spray-hose sink in ware wash area; fruit flies observed near three-bay [sink]/ice machine area and near dish machine [dishwasher]." — Inspector's Comments: "Diced tomatoes and shredded cheese out of temperature on the counter during lunch service only. Discussion with QFO [qualified food operator]. Chef will frequently [be] watering eyes, wiping and washing hands throughout inspection. Starting to clean hood filters and line equipment during inspection. Large Sysco [food service distribution company] order delivered with several turkeys for staff: storing in walk-in [cooler]???"*

—Browne & Co. — 865 Post Road — Nov. 8 — Town Rating: B — State Score: 99

—Cesco's Trattoria — Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy. North — Nov. 8 — Town Rating: A — State Score: 93

—Jennifer's Kitchen @ White Bridge — 284 Tokeneke Road — Nov. 8 — Town Rating: B — State Score: 93

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 (Nov. 9)
- [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 like this (";") separate individual comments by the inspectors. Each comment is about a particular violation that triggers a deduction of one or more points from a perfect state score of 100.

How Darien's Restaurants 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 [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.