

One Darien Food-Serving Establishment Gets a 'Poor' Rating in Latest Health Dept Inspections

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One Darien food serving establishment was rated "Poor," while five were rated "Fair" and another eight "Good" in the latest inspection reports released by Darien Health Department.

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 GOOD/FAIR/POOR ratings link to a Web page showing several of the restaurant's recent inspection ratings.

See also:

- [Do You Eat at Panera Bread in Darien? Not After Dec 13, When It Closes](#) (Nov. 18)
- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (Nov. 4)

- [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):

- Atria Darien — 50 Ledge Road — [Nov. 8](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98
- The Cho Bop Inc. — 1015 Post Road — [Nov. 16](#) — [FAIR](#) — 94
- Duchess Family Restaurant — 306 Post Road — Nov. 4 — [GOOD](#) — 96
- Dunkin Donuts — Darien South rest stop, Interstate 95 — Nov. 8 — [GOOD](#) — 96
- **Fjord Fish Market — 1015 Post Road — [Nov. 16](#) — [POOR](#) — 87 — Inspector's Remarks: "Two employees from another location without training documentation available; front case with soups/salads/pies at 49 degrees (product temperatures) and salmon burgers at 55 degrees piled up three deep in display case; employee coming into work not washing his hands before working; knives, can opener and scaling utensils left unclean; personal items out on counter (cell phone)." — Additional inspector's comments: "Shellfish tags maintained — one oyster tag without documentation (picture taken) — Band Aid on hand should be covered with a glove, conversation with person in charge."**
- Matsuri Grill — 390 Post Road — Nov. 14 — [FAIR](#) — 91
- McDonald's Restaurant — Darien South rest stop, Interstate 95 — Nov. 8 — [GOOD](#) — 94
- Michael Joseph's Catering — 1405 Post Road — [Nov. 16](#) — [GOOD](#) — 97
- New Beijing Restaurant — 5 Tokeneke Road — Nov. 14 — [GOOD](#) — 92
- Panera Bread — 1063 Post Road — [Oct. 26](#) — [FAIR](#) — 86
- Rory's — 416 Post Road — Nov. 14 — [GOOD](#) — 93
- Sbarro — Darien South rest stop, Interstate 95 — Nov. 8 — [FAIR](#) — 90
- Subway — Darien South rest stop, Interstate 95 — Nov. 8 — [GOOD](#) — 97
- Tengda Asian Bistro — 25 Old Kings Hwy. N. — Nov. 4 — [FAIR](#) — 88

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.