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One Food-Serving Place in Darien Gets Lowest Rating in Latest Health Inspections

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One food-serving establishment received the lowest rating ("C"), another received a middling rating ("B") and six others got the best rating ("A") in health inspection reports just released by the Darien Health Department.

The eight inspections were done from Oct. 19 to 25. Fewer health inspections were done in recent weeks by the department because some inspectors were out and inspections of other types of businesses were taking place, Health Director David Knauf said.

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):

—Dunkin Donuts — Darien South rest stop on Interstate 95 — Oct. 20 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 95

—Four Forks LLC — 7 Tokeneke Road — [Oct. 25](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 97

—McDonald's restaurant — Darien South rest stop on Interstate 95 — Oct. 20 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: A

—Meatball & Co. — 23 Tokeneke Road — Oct. 20 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 94

—Sbarro — Darien South rest stop on Interstate 95 — Oct. 20 — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 92

—Subway — Darien South rest stop on Interstate 95 — Oct. 19 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 100

—Taco Bell — Darien South rest stop on Interstate 95 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 95

—Unidine at Zotos International — 100 Tokeneke Road — [Oct. 24](#) — [Town rating: C](#) — State Score: 88 — Inspector's Remarks: "No training documentation for new employees, shredded chicken not hot holding on the line (piled too high?); grilled chicken piled high on sandwich station at 58 to 60 degrees (cooked today?). Cut melons on the self-service bar at 58 to 60 degrees; employees returning from break not washing their hands; several wiping cloths on prep counter in the kitchen; dusty AC [air conditioner] and air exchange vents in kitchen." — Inspector's additional comments: "QFO [[Qualified Food Operator](#)] [...] has recently left his position—former QFO is temporarily filling in."

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 (Oct. 5)
- [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.