

'Poor' Rating for One Darien Food-Serving Establishment in Latest Health Inspections

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One Darien food-serving establishment was rated "Poor," another six were rated "Fair" and 13 other inspections resulted in "Good" ratings in the latest inspection reports released by Darien Health Department.

The same establishment that got the "Poor" rating later received a "Good" rating in a follow-up inspection nine days later. The department released 20 inspection reports of 19 establishments from Nov. 18 to 30.

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 \(Nov. 18\)](#)
- [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):

- Abello's Deli — 72 Tokeneke Road — [Nov. 18](#) — [FAIR](#) — 93
- Bertucci's Italian Restaurant — 54 Post Road — Nov. 30 — [GOOD](#) — 94
- Browne & Company — 865 Post Road — [Nov. 18](#) — [GOOD](#) — 98
- Center Street Public House — 22 Center Street — [Nov. 18](#) — [GOOD](#) — 93
- Coromandel Cuisine of India — Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy. N. — Nov. 21 — [GOOD](#) — 94
- **Darien Butcher Shop — 13 Grove St. — [Nov. 21](#) — [POOR](#) — 81 — Inspector's remarks: "Birds from an unapproved source in walk-in: pheasants (not for sale, discarded); two large chickens cooling from morning prep (Jimmy's Southside) on counter at 82 degrees; thermometer missing in [bain-marie](#); iceberg lettuce not washed before use; uncovered food in walk-in storage; slicer unclean: break down and sanitize; label gradual product not in original containers and salads prepared at another location must be labeled with borne on or sell-by date; gaskets torn on lowboy refrigerator; preparation sink faucet missing and leak under three-bay sink; fruit flies observed." — Inspector's additional comments: "Poor curing ham in container in the bottom!"**
- **Darien Butcher Shop FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION — 13 Grove St. — [Nov. 30](#) — [GOOD](#) — 97 — Inspector's remarks: "Must label granular product not in original container; still some plumbing issues; cellphone out charging on prep counter." — Inspector's additional comments: "Working on training plan left during last inspection, walk-in much more organized, dating product (sell-by date), baked goods from Dough & Co. must be labeled and contact infor provided, improvements made."**
- Darien Social — 10 Center St. — Nov. 28 — [GOOD](#) — 92
- Dunkin Donuts — 967 Post Road — Nov. 21 — [GOOD](#) — 95
- Fisherman's Net — 11 Old Kings Hwy. S. — Nov. 21 — [GOOD](#) — 93

- Fjord Fish Market — 1015 Post Road — [Nov. 30](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100
- The Goose American Bistro & Grill — 972 Post Road — Nov. 28 — [FAIR](#) — 90
- Hibachi Sushi Ya (the restaurant formerly named "Fuji") — 111 Old Kings Hwy. N. — Nov. 23 — FAIR — 87
- Jennifer's Kitchen @ White Bridge — 284 Tokeneke Road — [Nov. 21](#) — [FAIR](#) — 90
- Koko's Gelato & Cafe — 847 Post Road — [Nov. 29](#) — [GOOD](#) — 100
- McDonald's Restaurant — Darien North rest stop, Interstate 95 — Nov. 30 — [GOOD](#) — 96
- The Melting Pot — 13 Grove St. — [Nov. 18](#) — [GOOD](#) — 95
- Post Corner Pizza — 847 Post Road — [Nov. 29](#) — [FAIR](#) — 91
- Uncle's Deli — 1041 Post Road — [Nov. 28](#) — [FAIR](#) — 89
- Upper Crust Bakery & Cafe — 980 Post Road — [Nov. 18](#) — [GOOD](#) — 93

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.