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## **Six Darien Food-Serving Establishments Inspected by Health Dept — Here's How they Rated**

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These reports from six health inspections of Darien restaurants and other food-serving establishments were released Thursday by the town Health Department.

The inspections all took place from Dec. 28 to Jan. 3. Four eateries received "A" ratings and two others each got a "B."

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).

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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):

—Aux Delices — Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy. North — [Jan. 2](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 92

—Darien Doughnut — 370 Heights Road — [Dec. 28](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 94

—The Goose American Bistro and Bar — 972 Post Road — [Jan. 2](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 94

—Little Bites by Jen Maher Food — 2420 Post Road — [Jan. 2](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 96

—Mather Center: Darien Senior Program — 2 Renshaw Road — [Jan. 3](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 100 (perfect — not a single violation found)

—Vavala's Delicatessen — 156 Heights Road — [Dec. 31](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — 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.

**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 (Dec. 28)
- [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.