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A Supermarket in Town Gets Lowest Grade in Latest Town Health Inspections

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One Darien supermarket received a "C" grade, the lowest of the three town Health Department ratings, in the most recently released health inspections. The store later was reinspected and received a "B."

In four other inspections, two food-serving establishments in town received an "A," and two others got a "B." The six inspections were conducted from Dec. 1 to 13.

Most Recent Inspection Results

Here's an alphabetical list of the most recently released health inspection results (an explanation for each

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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):

—Abello's/Mangia — 72 Tokeneke Road — Dec. 1 — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: B

—Coromandel Cuisine of India — Dec. 1 — Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy. North — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 94

—Heights Pizza — 330 Heights Road — Dec. 4 — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 91

—Palmer's Supermarket — 264 Heights Road — [Dec. 4](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 90

—Whole Foods Market — 150 Ledge Road — [Dec. 4](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 94 — *Inspector's Remarks: "Improperly cooling lardge batches in walk-in [cooler] (upstairs): Rice and beans at 89 [degrees], rice and chicken at 68 [degrees] and spaghetti squash at 57 [degrees]. All covered, stacked and stored in walk-in. (Additionally, no log for the large batches of rice.); food contact surfaces unclean in coffee station and surfaces [and] scales in the pizza and deli area unclean."* — *Inspector's Additional Comments: "Grease trap to be replaced under dish[washing] machine per manager. Hand washing and glove use observed."*

—Whole Foods Market [REINSPECTION] — 150 Ledge Road — Dec. 13 — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 95

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 (Dec. 1)
- [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 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.

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.