

Worst Rating, 'C', for One Food-Serving Establishment in Latest Darien Health Inspection Reports

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One food-serving place in town received a "C" rating from health inspectors in the most recent health inspection reports released by Darien Health Department.

The seven inspection reports released on Thursday took place from July 18 to 24. In addition to the "C" rating, five inspections resulted in "A" ratings (the best), one other resulted in a "B".

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.

Here's an alphabetical list of the most recently released health inspection results (an explanation of how this list is put together is immediately below it):

—Caffe Nero — 1071 Post Road — [July 19](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 98

—Chipotle Mexican Grill — 71 Post Road — [July 22](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 95

—Coromandel Cuisine of India — Goodwives Shopping Center, 25 Old Kings Hwy. North — [July 22](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—Hibachi Sushi Ya — follow-up inspection — 111 Old Kings Hwy. North — [July 18](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) —

State Score: 89

—Rory's — 416 Post Road — [July 19](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 94

—Uncle's Deli — 1041 Post Road — [July 24](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 84 — *Inspector's remarks:* "Sandwich toppings in bain marie temping [temperatures] at 50 degrees. Not properly holding temps; No thermometer in temporary walk-in refrigerated trailer (corrected); box of onions stored on floor under sink (removed); no sanitizer set up at line (corrected); unclean wiping cloth hanging from cook's apron (corrected); label items in grab-and-go unit with date of production; drinks stored on rusty shelving outside; floor in walk-in cooler in disrepair; floors unclean; grease buildup on hood; mops hung upside down and stored outside." — *Inspector's Comments:* "Temporary refrigerated trailer in use in parking lot. Unit is lockable. Ambient temp inside cooler is 42. Product temped at 40. Walk-in unit inside not working. Being repaired today and new diamond flooring to be installed. New shelving to be installed as well. Nothing stored inside. Bain marie on the line also not properly holding temps. Sandwich toppings at 50 degrees. Instructed to only use workable amounts placed on ice bed to keep temperatures. Nothing stored under. New unit is being shipped (verified). Gloves worn. Hand washing observed. Soup, 145 [degrees]. Nothing else hot held. Allowing small workable amounts of toppings to be held in top portion of cooling unit as long as container is in constant contact with ice to maintain temps. Remaining items stored in deli case and temporary trailers."

—Upper Crust Bakery & Cafe — 980 Post Road — [July 24](#) — [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.

See also:

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (July 18)
- [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](#).

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.