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Know the Score!
Restaurant Inspection Scores Now Online

St. Charles County — The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment, Division of Public Health now has restaurant inspection scores available online under the “Know the Score” link on the department's website at www.scchealth.org. The information is available for 534 licensed food service establishments in St. Charles County. Only restaurants in the City of St. Peters are not included since those establishments are inspected by St. Peters and are not part of the county's electronic Food Inspection System.

“A major function of public health departments is to protect the health of citizens,” stated Gil Copley, Director of the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment. “In St. Charles County we have not had a major restaurant associated foodborne illness outbreak for many years. This is a direct result of the food safety program, which is a joint effort of the Division of Public Health and the owners, managers, and employees of licensed food service establishments in the county. Besides the absence of illness outbreaks, an obvious outcome of this successful joint effort is apparent in the vast majority of high inspection scores. ”

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Online scores are kept current by weekly updates. The Division of Public Health inspects approximately 600 licensed establishments, including seasonal and temporary businesses, in St. Charles County. Use of the electronic food inspection record system began in April 2000 and lists all scores recorded since that date in the online database. The new feature allows consumers to view a series of scores over time rather than seeing just one score.

The "Know The Score" feature can be accessed by clicking on the logo of the same name on the department home page at www.scchealth.org. Call (636) 949-7400 for further information on the restaurant inspection program or other services provided by the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and Environment.

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