Who passed health checks in Wichita KS? Lots of food trucks, burgers, BBQ & more

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Looking for a place to dine out, grocery shop or stay in the Wichita-area?

You might consider visiting businesses that passed recent health inspections.

Places that serve and sell food or offer lodging to the public are regularly inspected by the Kansas Department of Agriculture to make sure they're clean and safe. The rules they're expected to follow include things such as keeping bugs and mice out, handling food properly, avoiding old food, ensuring workers wash their hands. and keeping equipment and rooms in good repair so no one gets sick or hurt.

Here are 78 businesses in Sedgwick County that passed their food safety or lodging inspections from April 13-19, according to the state. Many had few or no violations.

Inspections happen routinely but also when someone files a complaint. Inspectors return to businesses that failed recent checks to make sure they've fixed any problems, so some places that appear on this list may have had trouble previously.

The health checks occur at restaurants, stores, gas stations, hotels, motels, schools, concession stands, entertainment venues, bars, food trucks and other businesses and organizations that feed or rent rooms to the public.

This list was compiled on April 24 using information available from the state on that date. It covers only Sedgwick County.

But you can search food and lodging inspection results anywhere in Kansas

https://foodsafety.kda.ks. gov/FoodSafety/Web/ Inspection/Public InspectionSearch.aspx.

Want to see who failed? Find those businesses at www.kansas.com/ databases.

- Benton Elementary School, 338 S. Woodchuck in Wichita
- **Bev-Hub**, 2033 E. Northern in Wichita
- Bongo Fruit Smoothies (mobile vendor/food truck), 1760 E. Watervale Court in Derby
- Bostic Traditional **Magnet Elementary** School, 8103 E. Gilbert in Wichita
- Bowlero Wichita, 11413 E. 13th St. in Wichita
- Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Store, 3641 N. Rock Road in Wichita
- Brooks STEM & Arts Magnet Middle School, 3802 E. 27th St. North in
- Bubl Works Boba Tea (mobile vendor/food truck), 1049 W. 29th St. North in Wichita
- Casey's General Store,

109 E. Plaza Lane in Mulvane

- Chili's Grill & Bar, 7887 E. Central in Wichita
- The Cowboy Inn Saloon, 642 N. St. Paul in Wichita
- Crusader Cafe at Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School, 8506 E. Central in Wichita
- Dairy Queen Grill & Chill, 7777 W. Maple in Wichita
- Doc Green's Gourmet **Salads & Grill**, 10096 E. 13th St., Suite 102 in Wichita
- Dog-N-Shake, 1706 E.
- Central in Wichita • Dog-N-Shake, 8800 W. Maple in Wichita
- Dollar General, 990 E. Ross in Clearwater
- Dollar Plus Grocery & Smoke Shop, 1341 N. Grove in Wichita • Domino's Pizza, 7130
- W. Maple, Suite 150 in Wichita • El Ricardo's Mexican
- Food, 503 N. West St. in
- Enterprise Elementary School, 3605 S. Gold in Wichita
- Firehouse Subs, 2413 N. Greenwich, Suite 103 in Wichita • Fizz Burgers & Bottles,
- 7718 E. 37th St. North, Suite 100 in Wichita Funky Monkey Munchies (mobile
- vendor/food truck), 2847 N. Woodland in Wichita • Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 616 S. Ridge
- Gordita's Normas, 2837 N. Broadway, Suite

Road in Wichita

300 in Wichita • Halagains, 501 N. Main

- in Garden Plain

 Holy Spirit Catholic School, 18218 W. U.S. Highway 54 in Goddard
- Homewood Suites by Hilton at The Waterfront, 1550 N. Waterfront Parkway in Wichita
- Hyde Leadership & **International Explorations Magnet Elementary School,** 210 N. Oliver in Wichita
- Irving Elementary School, 1642 N. Market
- Jimmie's Diner, 1519 George Washington
- Drive in Wichita • Jimmy John's, 517 N.
- Hillside in Wichita • Just a Sip, 2126 N. Webb in Wichita
- Kelly Liberal Arts **Elementary School,** 3143 S. Millwood in Wichita
- Kentucky Fried Chicken, 1251 S.
- Woodlawn in Wichita Koch Industries 37 West, 4111 E. 37th St.
- North in Wichita Leeker's Family Foods, 6223 N. Broadway in Park City
- Los Cocos Mexican Restaurant, 1257 N. Rock Road in Derby
- Los Habaneros **Mexican Food Truck** (mobile vendor/food truck), 720 S. Royal in Wichita
- Love's Travel Stop, 1504 E. 21st St. in Wichita
- Maize South **Elementary School,** 3404 N. Maize Road in Wichita Maize South
- Intermediate School, 9701 W. 37th St. North in Wichita
- Maize South Middle School, 3403 N. Tyler Road in Wichita • Mars Mart 4, 2224 S.
- Oliver in Wichita

- McDonald's, 3825 N.
- Maize Road in Maize • Mueller Aerospace & **Engineering Discovery** Magnet Elementary School, 2500 E. 18th St.
- in Wichita No Ragrets Vegan Scratch Kitchen (mobile vendor/food truck), 4412 N. Westlake Court in Bel Aire
- Noble House Hawaiian **Plate Lunch Food** Truck #1 (mobile vendor/food truck), 2119 W. 21st St. in Wichita
- Premier Food Service at Cabela's, 2427 N. Greenwich in Wichita
- Premier Food Service at Capps Manufacturing, 2121 S. Edwards in Wichita
- Pho Special, 2409 E. Pawnee in Wichita
- Pizza Hut, 737 N. Maize Road, Suite 100 in Wichita
- Prost, 2721 E. Central,
- Suite 101 in Wichita • Rhatigan Student **Center Food** Court/Panda Express/Starbucks/ Freddy's/Chic k-fil-A/Shocker Lane/Chartwells at Wichita State University Rhatigan Student Center, 1845 N. Fairmount in Wichita
- RibCrib BBQ & Grill, 500 S. Ridge Road in Wichita
- Robinson Middle School, 328 N. Oliver in Wichita
- Rockin Rico's Sno Balls (mobile vendor/food truck), 624 N. Tanglewood in Derby
- Sam's Southern **Eatery**, 6600 W. Central in Wichita
- Simply Sunday Cakes, 21908 W. 52nd St. North in Andale
- Smash Bros (mobile vendor/food truck), 9809 W. Par Lane in
- Smoothie King, 3236 N. Rock Road, Suite 200 in

- Wichita
- Sonic Drive-In, 6122 N. Broadway in Park City
- Sonic Drive-In, 8612 W.
- Maple in Wichita • Spangles, 453 N.
- Hillside in Wichita • **Spangles**, 6120 E. 21st St. in Wichita
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church School, 1215 N. Stratford in Wichita
- Starbucks, 2222 N. Greenwich, Suite 600 in Wichita
- Stryker Sports Complex, 2999 N.
- Greenwich in Wichita
- Subway, 7201 S. Broadway in Haysville
- Tacos Beto (mobile vendor/food truck), 2421 W. 53rd St. North in
- Tacos Y Gorditas Los Corrales Dgo (mobile vendor/food truck), 3150 N. Park Place in Wichita
- Taqueria El Fogon, 1555 S. Bluffview Drive in Wichita
- TempleLive at Wichita Scottish Rite Center, 332 E. First St. in Wichita
- Wendy's, 555 S
- Broadway in Wichita • Wichita South High **School**, 701 W. 33rd St. South in Wichita
- Willowbend Golf Club, 8001 E. Mulberry in Wichita
- Word of Life **Ministries &** Schools-Life Prep Academy Dormitory, 915 E. 53rd St. North in

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'Slimy residue,' cockroaches by coffee, outdated meat at Wichita KS restaurants

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Slimy residue, 'brownish splatter stains,' a chef who didn't wash his hands after pulling up his pants, cockroaches crawling around a coffee station, mouse poop, outdated meats, food contamination risks and more are among violations Kansas Department of Agriculture inspectors discovered during recent food safety and lodging inspections in the Wichita area.

Each week, The Eagle adds to its searchable database of failed inspections from Sedgwick County. Seventeen restaurants, hotels and other businesses were noncompliant with state rules from April 13-19.

Inspectors found few or no violations at more than 70 other businesses deemed compliant with food safety and lodging Inspections are meant

to protect the public from foodborne illnesses and other health risks. Violations are common. Businesses can fail if they have too many problems, certain types of violations or issues that can't be fixed right away. But most of the time, they correct issues in front of an inspector.

Examples of things that can be addressed immediately are serving food that's more than a week old, employees mishandling ingredients and dirty kitchens. Issues that take longer to correct include pest infestations, power outages and plumbing problems.

It's rare, but a business may temporarily shut down over violations. Places that fail are usually reinspected within 10 days.

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OUT-OF-COMPLIANCE FOOD AND HOTEL

INSPECTIONS Bierocks Babe, 1017 W. Douglas in Wichita Five violations on April 19 during a joint inspection. Violations include not logging the time food was put out in the display case, no food thermometer available, truck has a water dispenser but no bucket to catch wastewater behind its food tent, no soap available at handwashing station, no hot water at hand-washing station. Next inspection:

May 3. Bowlero Wichita, 11413 E. 13th St. in Wichita One violation on April 16 during a modified complaint inspection. The main water heater pipes had severe corrosion. The business was in compliance at a follow-up in-

spection the next day. The Bunnery, 1025 W. 29th St. North in Wichita Four violations on April 16 during a joint inspection. Violations include dozens of "blackish" and gray or white rodent droppings found in various locations, no mouse traps on site, "brownish splatter stains" on wall behind sheet pans, food buildup and cobwebs on storage racks, one- to two-inch gap under the receiving door is allowing pest entry, business was using a frayed wire brush that isn't approved for use in a food facility, brush has bristles that could break off and contaminate food, cheese wasn't cold enough in a reach-in cooler. Next

inspection: April 26. **Chucherias Y Mas** (mobile vendor/food truck), 118 N. Mount Carmel in Wichita — Four violations on April 13 during a routine inspection. Violations include tortilla chips stored in a plastic T-shirt bag instead of a food-grade container, probe-style food thermometer doesn't work, ceviche and salsa weren't cold enough in refrigeration, no paper towels at

the hand-washing sink. Next inspection: April 23.

El Capitan Seafood & **Grill**, 410 N. Hillside in Wichita — Fifteen violations on April 18 during a routine inspection. Violations include shrimp broth that wasn't kept cold enough, chipped and cracked spatula, dirty thermometer, hand-wash ing sink couldn't be used because it was full of dishes, cactus was stored in a bag instead of a foodgrade container, cook didn't change gloves or wash hands between touching raw shrimp and raw eggs and ready-to-eat food and clean plates, hot water faucets don't work, employee rinsed hands at the wrong sink before putting on gloves, pans of raw shrimp and raw fish were stored above readyto-eat foods like pineapple and crab meat, employee dried their hands on their apron after washing, "brown slimy residue" on soda fountain nozzles, fly strips hanging over food preparation areas and where clean dishes are stored, no hot water at hand-washing sink, sticker and food residue was soiling clean pans, clean ladles were soiled with dirty dish water, bottle of cleaner was hanging over

spection: April 28. Freezing Moo, 2684 N. Greenwich Court, Suite 200 in Wichita — Two violations on April 18 during a routine inspection. Violations include no test strips to test the concentration of sanitizer, food probe thermometer wasn't working. Next

clean plates. Next in-

inspection: April 28. **Home2 Suites By Hil**ton Wichita Downtown Delano, 200 N. Sycamore in Wichita — Four violations on April 16 during a routine inspection. Violations include bowls of apples on the front counter that weren't covered to protect them from contamination, can of whipped topping wasn't labeled with its package opening date, outdated chicken sausage, no food probe thermometer on

site. Next inspection: April

Jersey Mike's Subs, 2564 N. Greenwich, Suite 550 in Wichita — Three violations on April 15 during a routine inspection. Violations include an employee who touched food after handling sanitizer, chicken salad wasn't kept cold enough, water temperature at sink wasn't hot enough. Next

inspection: April 25. **Maize South High** School, 3701 N. Tyler Road in Maize — Three violations on April 16 during a routine inspection. Violations include fresh and old rodent droppings in chemical storage rooms, half- to one-inch gap at the bottom of an exterior door and in ceiling tiles could be allowing pests to get in the building. Next inspection:

April 26. Mark 8 Inn, 1130 N. Broadway in Wichita Seven violations on April 15 during an inspection that was a follow-up to an administrative order. Violations include long-term rented rooms that aren't being serviced every five days, exit signs and emergency lights don't work, dirty hallway floors, mold in bathtub caulking, foul odor in building, burn holes in duvet cover, evacuation route was missing from a room. Next inspection: June 15.

Newman University, 3100 W. McCormick in Wichita — Twelve violations on April 14 during a routine inspection. Violations include no written plan for cleaning up vomiting and diarrhea incidents, chef was seen "pulling up his pants" then putting on gloves to touch food without washing his hands, bleach and other chemicals weren't labeled, melted butter and chicken weren't kept hot enough, missing procedures related to handling premade pizzas, dirty slicer, open drink cups and yogurt sitting by gloves near a tray of frozen sausage, yogurt wasn't kept cold enough, shredded cheese and potato salad

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no test strips on site for measuring the concentration of sanitizer, no handwashing sink in front area of coffee shop, table of baked goods weren't protected from contamination, dairy foods and lettuce were labeled with the wrong dates. Next inspection: April 24.

Panera Bread, 1605 N. Rock Road in Wichita Five violations on April 16 during a routine inspection. Violations include no handwashing sink in food preparation and dishwashing areas, food was thawing and cooling in a sink with a direct connection to the sewage system, employee working at cash register didn't wash her hands before touching bread, dirty ladles, unlabeled chemical containers. Next

inspection: May 16. Panera Bread, 3337 E. Central in Wichita — Two violations on April 14 during a complaint inspection. Violations include living and dead cockroaches at coffee station behind counter and in dishwashing area, no paper towels at handwashing sink. Next in-

spection: April 24. Pizza Hut, 1032 S. Oliver in Wichita — One violation on April 15 during a routine inspection. There was no food probe thermometer in the restaurant. Next inspection:

Reverie Coffee Roasters, 2202 E. Douglas in Wichita — Five violations on April 17 during a routine inspection. Violations include butter wasn't kept cold enough, outdated spinach artichoke dip and lumpia filling, dirty meat slicer, contamination risk related to a sprayer nozzle at a dishwashing sink, no sanitizer in dishwashing machine. Next inspection: April 27.

Savor at Century II, 225 W. Douglas in Wichita Five violations on April 17 during a routine inspection. Violations include the business not following an approved plan for vacuum sealing food, outdated deli meats, pork wasn't labeled with the correct date it was removed from the freezer, dirty meat slicer and vegetable dicer, business was missing paperwork related to cooling meat that is vacuum

sealed. Next inspection:

May 17. Side Pockets, 614 S. Tyler Road in Wichita Nine violations on April 15 during a routine inspection. Violations include no hot water at restroom sink, compound butter wasn't kept cold enough, dead insect in whiskey bottle, cream wasn't labeled with the date the package was opened, outdated green beans, no paper towels at handwashing sinks at the bar, unlabeled chemical containers, business didn't have the correct sanitizer testing kit, dirty pizza pans, improperly cooled taco meat. Next inspec-

WHERE TO COMPLAIN **ABOUT FOOD, HOTEL**

tion: April 25.

SAFETY If you see problems at a food or lodging establishment, you can file a com-

To notify the state about unsavory or questionable conditions anywhere that serves or sells food to the public, email kda.fsl@ks.gov or call 785-564-6767. You can also file a complaint at www.foodsafetykansas.

To report an illness you think was caused by a restaurant, food or event where food was served, contact the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at 877-427-7317 or www.foodsafetykansas.org.

Complaints about conditions at hotels and motels can be submitted at www.agriculture.ks.gov/ public-resources/ comments-complaints/

lodging-complaint. For more information about foodborne illnesses, visit www.foodsafety.gov.

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