

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

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Board of Health Issues 2014 Certificates of Excellence

Coldwater, MI. The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency's Board of Health released its "Certificates of Excellence" in food service for the year 2014. Awardees represent food establishments that were able to meet stringent criteria during the year. Specifically, the facility **must have had no Priority or Priority foundation items** and **no more than three core items** cited during their onsite inspection.

According to Rebecca Burns, Environment Health Director, "Priority items and priority foundation items are essential items that, if found to be in violation, could result in foodborne illnesses. Core items are non-priority or priority foundation items that relate to general sanitation and/or maintenance." In addition to these standards, the food establishment must comply with the **following criteria:**

- The food service facility must employ a certified food safety manager, as required by Michigan law.
- The food service facility must be compliant with Michigan's smoke-free law.
- The food service facility must be at a fixed location and operate at least 12 days per month and perform food preparation at the facility.
- The food service facility cannot have been implicated in a foodborne illness outbreak.
- The food service facility cannot have investigated and confirmed complaints lodged against them.
- The food service facility cannot have an enforcement action issued against them.

Rebecca Burns added, “Ninety-six tri-county food service establishments, including restaurants, bars, catering kitchens and schools, received this year’s award. The establishments who were able to meet the stringent criteria are quite deserving of this honor.” Food service inspections are normally performed twice in a year. The Environmental Health Division inspects all food service establishments in the tri-county area to assure proper food handling and sanitation for food served to the public.

Annually, agency sanitarians conduct over 900 food establishment inspections and issue more than 250 temporary food permits to food vendors attending local festivals and community events. Keeping your community safe from food borne disease – it’s just one more way your local health department is working to protect your health. Visit our website at www.bhsj.org to learn more.

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***Food Service Establishments Receiving Certificate of Excellence for 2014
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Branch County:

American Legion Memorial Post – Bronson
American Legion Rec Club – Quincy
Anderson Elementary School - Bronson
Arby's – Coldwater
Branch County Commission on Aging/H&C Burnside – Coldwater
Branch Intermediate School District – Coldwater
Coldwater Hampton Inn – Coldwater
Community Health Center of Branch County – Coldwater
Cottage Inn Pizza – Coldwater
Culver's of Coldwater – Coldwater
Elk's Lodge – Coldwater
Five Star Pizza – Union City
Great Lakes Health & Fitness – Coldwater
Jefferson Elementary – Coldwater
Jennings Elementary School – Quincy
Legg Middle School – Coldwater
Lincoln Elementary – Coldwater
Max Larsen Elementary School – Coldwater
Pansophia Academy - Coldwater
Quincy Dairy Queen - Quincy
Quincy Pizza – Quincy
Ryan Elementary School – Bronson
St. Charles School – Coldwater
Stables Inc. – Quincy
Taco Bell #4029 – Coldwater
The Daily Grind – Union City
Union City Elementary School – Union City
Union City High School – Union City
Union City Middle School – Union City
Willows Bar & Grill - Coldwater

Hillsdale County:

Bailey Elementary School – Hillsdale
Baw Beese American Legion - Hillsdale
Camden-Frontier School - Camden
Community Action Agency - Hillsdale
Coney Hut Drive Inn - Hillsdale
Coney & Swirls – Hillsdale
Cream Supreme – Litchfield
Davis Middle School - Hillsdale
Days Inn Hillsdale - Hillsdale
Freddies Freeze - Somerset
Here's To You Pub and Grub – Hillsdale
Hillsdale Community Health Center - Hillsdale
Hillsdale County Senior Service Center - Hillsdale
Hillsdale Filling Station - Hillsdale
Hillsdale High School - Hillsdale
Hillsdale Lodge BPO Elks - Hillsdale
Hillside Lanes – Hillsdale
Jonesville High School - Jonesville
Jonesville Middle School - Jonesville
King Me Koffee - Hillsdale
Lil Peppi's Pizza - Somerset
Litchfield Community School - Litchfield
Litchfield-Jonesville Lanes - Jonesville
Little Caesars Pizza - Hillsdale
Luigis Pizza - Litchfield
North Adams Public School – North Adams
Pittsford Area School - Pittsford
Ray's Tavern – Reading
Reading High School - Reading
Reynolds Elementary School - Reading
Rooms at Grayfield – Jonesville
Salvation Army - Hillsdale
Subway - Hillsdale
The Cedars - Jonesville
The Finish Line - Hillsdale
Waldron Area School – Waldron
Waldron Friendly Tavern - Waldron
Williams Elementary School - Jonesville

St. Joseph County:

CAASCM Headstart – Three Rivers
Centreville Elementary – Centreville
Centreville High School – Centreville
Constantine High School – Constantine
Corner Café - Sturgis
Eastside Elementary – Constantine
Eastwood School - Sturgis
Green Valley Snack Bar – Sturgis
Hot 'n Now – Sturgis
Jimi Jo's Ice Cream Shoppe - Sturgis
LA's Coffee Café – Three Rivers
McDonalds – White Pigeon
Mendon Grade School – Mendon
Mendon Jr. & Sr. High School – Mendon
Mike's Pizza - Sturgis
Norton Elementary – Three Rivers
Park Community School – Three Rivers
Piper's Grinders Galore - Sturgis
Riverside Elementary – Constantine
South Lanes – Three Rivers
Sturgis High School - Sturgis
Sturgis Middle School - Sturgis
Three Rivers 6 – Three Rivers
Three Rivers Health – Three Rivers
Three Rivers High School – Three Rivers
Three Rivers Middle School – Three Rivers
Town Fryer – Constantine
Trinity Lutheran Church School – Sturgis