

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

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Board of Health Issues 2015 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 2015. 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, Health Officer for the tri-county health department, "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.

Paul Andriacchi, Environmental Health Director added, “Ninety-two tri-county food service establishments, including restaurants, bars, catering kitchens and schools, received this year’s award.” 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. Paul adds “We are proud to honor this year’s certificate recipients, who work hard to maintain high standards of sanitation within their food establishments.” To review the certificate of excellence criteria or to learn more about the health department’s food sanitation program, please visit our website at www.bhsj.org.

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***Food Service Establishments Receiving Certificate of Excellence for 2015
Awarded April 28, 2016***

Branch County:

American Legion Memorial Post – Bronson
American Legion Rec Club – Quincy
Anderson Elementary School - Bronson
Branch Area Career Center - Coldwater
Branch Intermediate School District – Coldwater
Coldwater Hampton Inn – Coldwater
Dearth Community Center - Coldwater
Great Lakes Health & Fitness – Coldwater
Jefferson Elementary – Coldwater
Jennings Elementary School – Quincy
Jimmy John's - Coldwater
Lincoln Elementary – Coldwater
Lincoln Learning Center - Coldwater
Max Larsen Elementary School – Coldwater
Pansophia Academy - Coldwater
Quincy Dairy Queen - Quincy
Quincy Pizza – Quincy
Ryan Elementary School – Bronson
Short's Root Beer Drive-In - Coldwater
St. Mary's Assumption Church - Bronson
Taco Bell #4029 – Coldwater
Union City Elementary School – Union City
Union City High School – Union City
Union City Middle School – Union City
Willows Bar & Grill - Coldwater

Hillsdale County:

Camden Café - Camden
Cavoni's – Hillsdale
Coffee Cup Diner - Hillsdale
Community Action Agency - Hillsdale
Davis Middle School - Hillsdale
Days Inn Hillsdale – Hillsdale
D & S Lounge - Pittsford
Freddie's Freeze – Somerset
Gier Elementary School – Hillsdale
Greenfield School - Hillsdale
Hillsdale Hospital - Hillsdale
Hillsdale County Senior Service Center - Hillsdale
Hillsdale Filling Station - Hillsdale
Hillsdale Lodge BPO Elks #1575 - Hillsdale
Hillside Lanes – Hillsdale
House of Pizza & BBQ - Hillsdale
Jonesville High School - Jonesville
Jonesville Middle School - Jonesville
Lil Peppi's Pizza - Somerset
Litchfield Community Schools - Litchfield
Luigi's Pizza - Litchfield
Palace Café - Hillsdale
Pittsford Area Schools – Pittsford
Pizza Hut - Hillsdale
Reading High School – Reading
Reading Pizza Barn - Reading
Reynolds Elementary School - Reading
Subway - Jonesville
The Finish Line - Hillsdale
Waldron Area Schools – Waldron
Waldron Friendly Tavern - Waldron
Williams Elementary School – Jonesville

St. Joseph County:

Amigo Center – Sturgis
Andrew Elementary School – Three Rivers
Burr Oak Community Schools – Burr Oak
Carl’s Catering – White Pigeon
Centreville High School – Centreville
Chicago Road Café – Sturgis
Colon High School – Colon
Congress School - Sturgis
Constantine High School – Constantine
Constantine Middle School – Constantine
Eastside Elementary – Constantine
Eastwood School - Sturgis
Jerolene Elementary School - Sturgis
Jimi Jo’s Ice Cream Shoppe - Sturgis
LA’s Coffee Café – Three Rivers
McDonald’s JLMAM LLC – White Pigeon
Mendon Grade School – Mendon
Mike’s Pizza - Sturgis
Norton Elementary – Three Rivers
Park Community School – Three Rivers
Riverside Elementary – Constantine
Ruth Hoppin Elementary School – Three Rivers
Sturgis Adult Ed. - Sturgis
Sturgis High School - Sturgis
Sturgis Middle School – Sturgis
St. Joseph County Nutrition Project – Sturgis
Subway at Walmart - Sturgis
Subway OMP Inc. - Sturgis
Subway Sandwiches – Three Rivers
Taco Bell - Sturgis
Three Rivers High School – Three Rivers
Trinity Lutheran Church School – Sturgis
Twin County Community Probation Center – Three Rivers
Wendy’s of Sturgis - Sturgis
Wenzel School - Sturgis