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Clay County Food Establishments & Pools Awarded for Safety

LIBERTY, Mo. – July 16, 2024 – Clay County Public Health Center is proud to announce the recipients of the Food Safety Excellence and Pool Quality of Excellence Awards for outstanding efforts in 2023.

“We are grateful for the hard work these establishments put in last year to not only meet but exceed the health department’s high standards of safety,” said Robert Gilliland, section chief of Environmental Health Protection. “We appreciate their partnership in protecting our community from foodborne illnesses, waterborne illnesses and other hazards.”

Food Safety Excellence Award

This award recognizes food establishments that continue to successfully follow the Clay County Food Code, exhibit outstanding food safety and sanitation practices, and achieve exceptional inspection results during the calendar year. To qualify for the award, they must meet multiple criteria such as having been open and operating for the full year with no repeated violations, no follow-up inspections needed, and no confirmed cases of foodborne illnesses.

In 2023, the Environmental Health Protection section of Clay County Public Health Center conducted 1,530 routine food establishment inspections, 297 temporary food event inspections and investigated 114 food-related complaints. This year’s 114 winners represent the top 15% of establishments overseen by Clay County Public Health Center. Additionally, 26 establishments earned “Gold Standard” recognition for earning the safety award three or more years in a row.

Pool Quality of Excellence Award

This award recognizes facilities that continue to successfully follow the Clay County Rules and Regulations for Pools/Spas, exhibiting pool quality and safety practices and achieving exceptional inspection results during the calendar year. To qualify for the award, multiple criteria must be met such as having been open and operating the full year with no repeated violations, no follow-up inspections needed, all necessary pool operator/manager certifications, no confirmed cases of water-borne illnesses, no imminent risk or safety violations, and Virginia Gram Baker (VGB) compliant.

In 2023, the Environmental Health Protection Section of Clay County Public Health Center conducted 416 routine recreational water inspections. Facilities qualifying for the 2023 Pool Quality of Excellence Award represent 30% of Clay County-regulated recreational water facilities.

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About Clay County Public Health Center

Created in 1953, the Clay County Public Health Center is a nationally accredited local public health department protecting the health of all people in the county by implementing population-based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness not only prevents the spread of disease but also provides wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices. To learn more, visit www.clayhealth.com/.

The mission of the Clay County Public Health Center is to deliver the essential public health services of prevention, promotion, and protection to the communities of Clay County.

Food Safety Excellence Award Winners 2023

Liberty

- Above All Trampoline
- **Alexander Doniphan Elementary School**
- Blush Farms Cork & Board
- Catch 22 Bar & Grill
- Classy Chocolate
- Clay County Juvenile Detention Center
- **Culver's Frozen Custard and Butter Burgers**
- Eileen's Colossal Cookies
- **EPIC Elementary School**
- Five Guys
- **Franklin Elementary School**
- Fun Run
- Hammerhand Coffee
- Kidzone Creations
- Lamar's Donuts #12
- **Lewis & Clark Elementary School**
- Liberty Community Center/Silver Citizen Center
- **Liberty Family Child Care**
- Liberty Hospital
- Liberty Middle School
- Liberty Montessori Center
- Liberty Senior High School
- **Lillian Schumacher Elementary School**
- Manor Hill Elementary School
- Meeting Grounds Coffee Co.
- Norterre- Central Kitchen
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Our Lady Of Mercy Country Home
- Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
- **South Valley Middle School**
- Starbucks Coffee Company #9655
- Subway
- **Subway (Liberty Hospital)**
- Warren Hills Elementary School

Kearney

- Arby's
- **Dogwood Elementary**
- E. Howard Porter VFW Post #5717
- **Fair Share Farm**
- Gino's Italian Cuisine
- **Guardian Angels Care Center**
- **Hand In Hand**
- Hawthorne Elementary
- Kaji Sushi & Grill
- **Kearney Early Education Center**
- **Kearney High School**
- Kearney Junior High School
- **Kearney Middle School**
- McDonald's #20060
- **Paisley Perk**
- Pilot Travel Center #252/Taco Bell
- **Price Chopper #404 (Bakery)**
- Quik Trip #198
- **Southview Elementary**
- Starbucks Coffee # 68751
- Talented Tots Learning Center
- Westbrook Care Center

Smithville

- American Legion Post 58
- Captain's Corner
- **Cornerstone Coffee**
- **Horizon Elementary School**
- **Jimmy John's**
- Kozak's Laketown Grill
- Ladoga Ridge Winery
- **Maple Elementary School**
- McDonald's #11618
- Paradise Pointe Golf Complex
- Pizza Hut Of Smithville
- **Price Chopper - Produce/Salad Bar**
- Scooters Coffee

- Smithville Eagle Heights
- Smithville High School & Inside Concession
- Sushi Avenue
- Taco Bell 36391
- The Grind

Excelsior Springs

- Aspire Senior Living Excelsior Springs
- Clay-Ray Veterans Association
- Cornerstone Elementary
- Excel Nutrition
- Excelsior Springs High School
- Excelsior Springs Medical Center
- Excelsior Springs Middle School
- Excelsior Springs Senior Center
- Other Trails
- Ray's Diner
- Scooter's Coffee
- Talented Tots Learning Center
- Tiger Bowl
- Walmart Supercenter #195 (Bakery)
- Walmart Supercenter #195 (Deli)
- Wellness Cafe

Gladstone

- Antioch Middle School
- Chapel Hill Elementary School
- Church's Chicken #10299
- **Linden West Elementary School**
- Meadowbrook Elementary School
- NKC School District Early Education Center
- Northland Innovation Campus- NKCS SAGE
- Oakhill Day School
- Plate Of Hope Older Adult Food Pantry
- Simple Simon's Pizza
- St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church
- Taco Zone

North Kansas City

- **Children's Learning Center**
- Cinder Block Brewery
- First Baptist Church of North Kansas City
- Holiday Inn Express
- Local Seasons Catering & Events
- Restless Spirits Distilling Company
- Sail Away Wine
- The Big Rip

Other

- Chinese Garden Restaurant - Claycomo
- Missouri City School - Missouri City
- Mustang Sally's Liquor & Deli - Pleasant Vally
- Sonic Drive-In #4589 – Lawson

****Bold** indicates Gold Standard award winners – winners of a safety award three or more years in a row*

Pool Safety Excellence Award Winners 2023

Indoor Pool (Yearly)

- Liberty Community Center indoor pool, Liberty
- Liberty Community Center therapy pool, Liberty
- **North Kansas City Hospital Wellness (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)**
- Gladstone Community Center Diving pool, Gladstone
- Gladstone Community Center Leisure pool, Gladstone
- The Elms Hotel and Spa (lap pool), Excelsior Springs
- The Elms Hotel and Spa (indoor cool tub), Excelsior Springs

Indoor Spa (Yearly)

- The Elms Hotel and Spa – Hot Tub, Excelsior Springs
- The Elms Hotel and Spa – Grotto, Excelsior Springs

Outdoor Pool (Seasonal)

- American Inn, North Kansas City
- Broadway Village Apartments, Gladstone
- Cedar Lake Estates HOA, Smithville
- **Cherokee Village, Liberty (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)**
- Claymont Pointe HOA, Gladstone
- Earnest Shepherd Memorial Youth Center, Liberty
- Elks Lodge # 1001, Excelsior Springs
- Gladstone Municipal, Gladstone

- **Harborview HOA, Smithville (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)**
- Inn on Crescent Lake, Excelsior Springs
- Liberty Community Center outdoor pool, Liberty
- Liberty Landing Cooperative, Liberty
- London Towers Two, Gladstone
- Kendallwood Apartments Pool #3, Gladstone
- Oakwood Estates HOA, Kearney
- Rollins Landing Pool, Smithville
- Royal Park Apartments, Gladstone
- Shadowbrook Homes Association, Kearney
- Stonebrooke Estates HOA, Gladstone
- **Village Garden Apartments, Claycomo (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)**
- The Elms Hotel and Spa (outdoor pool), Excelsior Springs
- The Trails, Gladstone

Outdoor Wading Pool

- **Liberty Community Center - Wading Pool, Liberty (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)**
- Rollins Landing Wading Pool, Smithville
- Shadowbrook HOA, Kearney

Sprayground Seasonal

- Gladstone Municipal Sprayground, Gladstone

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