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## Environmental Health Restaurant Inspection Scores on Yelp

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Environmental Health’s restaurant inspection scores are now available online by using Yelp, a website already used by residents and visitors looking for dining information.

This is part of Yelp’s LIVES open data program, which stands for Local Inspector Value Entry Specification. It allows consumers to see inspection data before eating at a restaurant. By clicking on a restaurant listing, the results of the restaurant’s latest health safety inspection will be available, along with customer reviews, price range and restaurant information.

“Environmental Health is very excited to post our inspection grades on Yelp,” Environmental Health Director Daniel Ortiz said. “We want to ensure the public is able to review our inspection results with ease and Environmental Health believes this availability will raise public awareness of food safety.”

As of the 2016 fourth quarter, Yelp saw 89 million unique monthly visitors via mobile users, 73 million unique monthly visitors from desktop computers and 24 million unique monthly app users.

By making restaurant inspection data available with Yelp, Cumberland County joins Orange and Wake counties in North Carolina. Major cities with health inspection data available on Yelp include San Francisco, San Diego, Boulder, Colo., Fort Worth, Texas and Louisville, Ky.

Cumberland County Environmental Health is a division of the Cumberland County Department of Public Health. Restaurant sanitation grades can be accessed by going to the health department’s website at [co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx](http://co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx) and clicking on the sanitation ratings tab on the left side of the page. For more information about Environmental Health, call 910-433-3660.

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