

WTHR ICE TEST

	Address	City	Test 1 Result	Test 2 Result
8 China Buffet	5393 E 82nd St	Indianapolis	474	238
Applebee's	7345 E Washington	Indianapolis	1	1
Bob Evans	456 E Elbert St	Indianapolis	Less than 1	--
Boston Market	250 SR 135	Greenwood	Less than 1	--
Burger King	5480 Georgetown Rd	Indianapolis	Less than 1	--
Cheesecake Factory	8701 Keystone Crossing	Indianapolis	2	Less than 1
Chuck E. Cheese Pizza	8804 S US 31	Greenwood	Less than 1	--
Church's	240 E 22nd St	Indianapolis	Less than 1	--
Conrad Hotel bar (Vitesse)	50 W Washington St	Indianapolis	Less than 1	--
Cracker Barrel	3840 Eagle View Dr	Indianapolis	18	Less than 1
Hardees	144 W 16th St	Indianapolis	Less than 1	--
IHOP	1549 N Meridian St	Indianapolis	6	Less than 1
Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria	100 Byrd Way	Greenwood	Less than 1	--
La Hacienda	3874 Lafayette Rd	Indianapolis	4	Less than 1
McDonald's	6061 E 82nd St	Indianapolis	2	6
Olive Garden	1274 US 31	Greenwood	Less than 1	--
Panera Bread	220 E 86th St	Indianapolis	Less than 1	--
Pizza Hut	4200 S East St	Indianapolis	2	Less than 1
RAM	12750 Parkside Dr	Fishers	118	Less than 1
Red Lobster	5090 W 38th St	Indianapolis	Less than 1	--
Rick's Café Boatyard	4050 Dandy Trail	Indianapolis	6	488
St. Elmo's Steakhouse	127 S Illinois	Indianapolis	3	Less than 1
Subway	373 S SR 135	Greenwood	Less than 1	--
Taco Bell	444 E Thompson Rd	Indianapolis	1	Less than 1
TGI Friday	6915 W 38th St	Indianapolis	3	299
WTHR Men's Room	1000 N. Meridian St	Indianapolis	2	--

Results shown are the number of total coliform bacteria colonies present per 100 ml of ice, which is equivalent to about one cup of ice or 20 teaspoons of melted ice water.

A reading of "Less than 1" means no coliform bacteria was detected. Only establishments with a positive reading on test #1 were re-tested. All testing was conducted between January 2 and January 23, 2008.

HOW WTHR CONDUCTED THE TEST

At each restaurant and bar, WTHR ordered a drink with a separate glass of ice or got ice from a self-serve ice machine. Taking care to not touch the ice or the inside of the glass, we poured the ice into a sterile container provided by ESG Laboratories, a lab certified by the state of Indiana to test drinking water. The ice was then delivered to ESG on the same day it was collected for testing and analysis. Microbiologists at the lab allowed the ice to melt and tested each sample for total coliform bacteria levels. For any ice samples that tested positive for the presence of coliform, WTHR returned to the restaurant or bar of origin and collected another ice sample and the testing process was repeated. The lab also tested some samples -- especially those that showed a high level of total coliform bacteria -- for the presence of Escherichia coli (e-coli), a more specific form of coliform bacteria that can cause serious stomach illness. The tests provide information about the ice cubes the restaurants and bars served WTHR staff on the specific day the samples were taken, and WTHR contacted every bar and restaurant that tested positive for the presence of any bacteria.