

Applebee's and IHOP plan to close more locations

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Atlanta, GA - The company that owns the chain restaurants Applebee's and International House of Pancakes (IHOP) announced Tuesday, Feb. 20 that it plans to close up to 120 locations in 2018. The company, Dine Brands Global Inc., formerly Dine Equity, closed 99 Applebee's restaurants nationwide last year.

Both Applebee's and IHOP have four restaurants in Southern Maryland. The local Applebee's sites are in Prince Frederick, California, La Plata and Waldorf. The IHOPs are located in Waldorf, La Plata, Prince Frederick and Lexington Park. No Applebee's in the region were impacted by last year's closings. Dine Brands Global Inc. has not identified which locations would be shuttered this year.

While the closures are occurring, Applebee's officials are planning to develop between 10 to 15 new restaurants, most of them outside of the United States. According to IHOP officials, the chain will add 85 to 100 new locations in 2018, all of them within the U.S.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated development, Applebee's officials have issued a public apology to two young, African-American women who were reportedly accused falsely of stealing food from a location in Independence, MO. The women stated the store employees who accused them of "dining and ditching"—along with a police officer who escorted them out of the restaurant—were racially profiling them. The restaurant manager and two employees involved in the incident were terminated. The restaurant has been temporarily closed. The company's formal apology was posted on their [Facebook page](#)

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