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DOH-Bay Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program Results
No advisories are in effect for any Bay County Healthy Beaches sampling locations.



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Bay County, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) monitors saltwater beach water quality in accordance with the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program. DOH-Bay collects water samples **twice a month between March and October** and checks for **enteric bacteria** that usually inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of enteric bacteria **can indicate fecal pollution**, which may come from stormwater runoff, pets and wildlife, and human sewage. **Poor results are posted as an “Advisory” at the affected beaches.**

There are no advisories for any of the Bay County sampling locations.

Healthy Beaches **advisories protect swimmers from increased risk of gastrointestinal illnesses.** At a lower occurring level, there may also be **increased risks of upper respiratory infections, skin rashes, and ear infections.**



Sampling is usually done on Mondays, with results on Tuesdays, except for holidays. Results are shared at Bay.FloridaHealth.gov, through media releases, and real-time on the **Florida Healthy Beaches** page at FloridaHealth.gov and search for “Healthy Beaches.”

Florida Healthy Beaches Program Categories are: Good = 0-35 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water, Moderate = 36-70 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water, and **Poor = 71 or greater Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water.** **If levels are above 70, DOH-Bay notifies the local Florida Department of Environmental Protection for further investigation.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Department of Health in Bay County at 850-481-4806 or visit the Florida Department of Health's Internet Beach Water Quality website at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/healthy-environments/beach-water-quality/index.html>.



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