

ALL ABOUT BEACH WATER QUALITY

ENTEROCOCCUS

Enterococcus is a type of bacteria present in the intestines of warm-blooded animals and is considered to be an excellent indicator of human sewage. *Enterococcus* spp are also considered normal microflora of the intestinal tract of poultry and other birds.

LIMITS

A swimming advisory is declared for the following day if:

- **MAXIMUM DAILY LIMIT SINGLE SAMPLE
ENTEROCOCCUS >104 COUNTS/100 ML**
- **DAILY RAINFALL >1 INCH OR LESS FOR SOME
BEACHES**
- **5-DAY RUNNING AVE. GEO. MEAN OF PREVIOUS 5
DAYS > 35/100 ML**

TESTING IS PERFORMED BY DCR