

2010 Beach Monitoring Program Summary

The York Region beach monitoring program for the 2010 season ran from June 16th to September 1, 2010. Water samples were collected from each beach site once per week during the summer season. The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Laboratories Branch analyzed the water samples for bacterial quality.

BEACH CLOSURES

Beaches are closed when there are signs of hazardous or infectious materials present in the water, or when there is a blue-green algae bloom. There were no beach closures for the 2010 beach monitoring season.

BEACH POSTINGS

Beaches are posted when levels of E.coli bacteria in the water are high enough to pose a greater risk to health. Posted beaches are resampled the following day.

Overall in 2010, the beaches increased in number of posting compared to the 2009 Beach Season. However, North Gwillimbury and Recreation Island Beach were not posted during the 2010 season.

BEACHES POSTED IN 2010 DUE TO LEVELS OF E. COLI GREATER THAN THE PROVINCIAL GUIDELINE OF 100 E. COLI PER 100ML.

BEACH	DATE POSTED	NUMBER OF DAYS POSTED
Port Bolster	June 24, 2010	9
	July 8, 2010	1
Peninsula Motel	June 29, 2010	4
	July 15, 2010	8
	July 29, 2010	1
Holmes Point	June 29, 2010	4
	July 15, 2010	1
	August 18, 2010	5
Jackson's Point	June 17, 2010	4
	August 5, 2010	5
De La Salle	June 29, 2010	4
	July 15, 2010	7
	July 29, 2010	6
Franklin	June 29, 2010	1
	August 11, 2010	1
Willow Dock	June 29, 2010	1
Willow Paradise	June 29, 2010	4
	July 15, 2010	1
Island Grove	June 29, 2010	1
North Gwillimbury		0
Balfour	June 24, 2010	1
	July 15, 2010	1
Keswick	July 29, 2010	1
	September 2, 2010	1
Claredon	June 29, 2010	1
	July 8, 2010	15
	August 26, 2010	5
Glenwoods	June 24, 2010	6
	July 15, 2010	7
	September 2, 2010	1
Cedar Park	July 15, 2010	12
	July 29, 2010	6
Recreation Island		0

For more information about beach water quality in York Region, call York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653.