

2009 Beach Monitoring Program Summary

The York Region beach monitoring program for the 2009 season ran from June 17th to August 31, 2009. 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 2009 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 2009, the beaches decreased in number of posting compared 2008 Beach Season. However, Franklin Beach, Island Grove Beach, Balfour Beach, Keswick Beach and North Gwillimbury Beach were not posted at all during the 2009 season.

BEACHES POSTED IN 2008 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	August 26, 2009	1
Holmes Point	August 26, 2009	1
Jackson's Point	August 26, 2009	1
De La Salle	August 19, 2009	1
	August 26, 2009	1
Franklin	0	0
Willow Paradise	July 29, 2009	1
	August 26, 2009	1
Claredon	July 22, 2009	6
	August 12, 2009	6
Glenwoods	July 22, 2009	6
	July 29, 2009	1
	August 19, 2009	1
Island Grove	0	0
Peninsula Motel	July 22, 2009	6
	August 5, 2009	1
	August 19, 2009	1
	August 26, 2009	3
Balfour	0	0
Keswick	0	0
Willow Dock	August 5, 2009	1
	August 19, 2009	6
North Gwillimbury	0	0

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