

September 4, 2020

BEACH CONDITIONS TO SEPTEMBER 3

Water quality testing by Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development has shown that levels of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) were within recreational water quality objectives at most beaches monitored this week.

Escherichia coli counts were briefly above the recreational water quality objective on Lake Winnipeg at Winnipeg Beach on August 31, but quickly returned within the objective by September 2.

Bathers are advised to avoid swallowing lake water, wash hands before handling food, and avoid swimming with an open cut or wound, or while experiencing illness. On Lake Winnipeg, bathers should minimize water contact if lake levels are high and strong winds are blowing from the north. Research shows *E. coli* counts tend to be elevated during these conditions as they are washed out of the wet beach sand and into the bathing area.

Information on beach water quality results, advisory signs posted at beaches, swimmer's itch advisories, swimmer and water safety, and how to report an algal bloom is available at: manitoba.ca/beaches.

Please note this is the final weekly beach conditions report for 2020.