



Kent County Health Department
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2020 Kent County Beach Advisories

| Date Posted | Location | Notification | Reason |
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| 8/20/2020 | Tolchester Estates | Advisory | |
| 8/20/2020 | Betterton Beach | Advisory | |
| 7/23/2020 | Sassafras River | Advisory | Harmful Algae Bloom |

Swimming in natural water bodies is not risk free. Always monitor conditions that may affect your swimming area.

NOTIFICATION

*Advisory – Results for water quality samples collected from the area do not meet the State and Federal water quality criteria. **Swimming is not recommended until bacteria levels fall.***

Closed – Beach closed to swimming.

RAINFALL ADVISORY

Bacteria levels are shown to rise dramatically after a rain. Individuals should exercise caution and avoid swimming/direct water contact for at least 48 hours due to predicted high bacterial levels.

Go to the following link for Maryland's Healthy Beaches Program:

<http://www.marylandhealthybeaches.com/index.html>

Go to the following link for tips on how to prevent water-related illnesses:

<http://marylandhealthybeaches.com/habits.html>

Go to the following link for information on Vibrio and how to prevent infection:

<http://marylandhealthybeaches.com/vibrio.html>

Go to the following link for an interactive map showing current beach conditions throughout Maryland:

<http://www.marylandhealthybeaches.com/current-conditions.php>

Go to the following link for more information on Harmful Algae Blooms:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/HAB/Pages/index.aspx#:~:text=To%20report%20an%20alg al%20bloom,Eyes%20on%20the%20Bay%20website.>