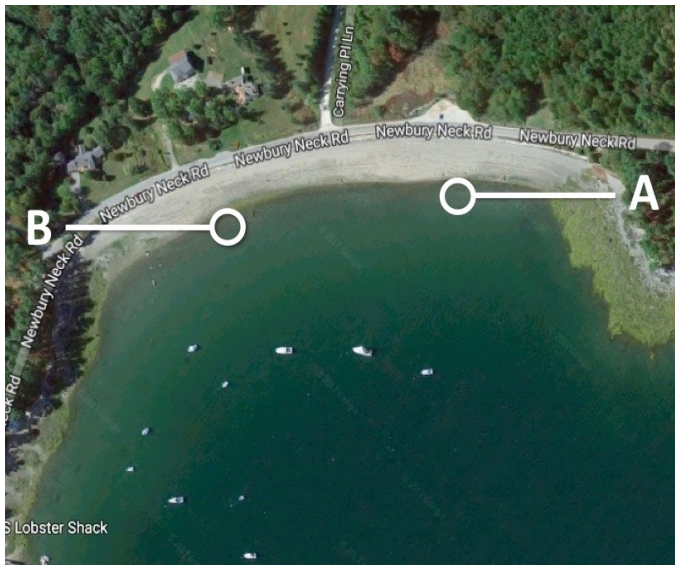






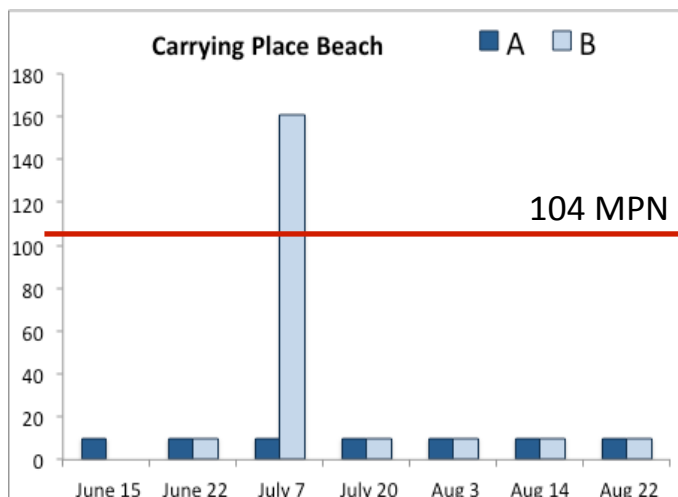


2017 Bacteria Levels at Carrying Place Beach

Enterococci bacteria, though not harmful themselves, indicate the presence of fecal contamination and other potentially harmful bacteria in the water. These are known to cause vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, ear infections, and fever in recreational swimmers. Young children and people with compromised immune systems are especially susceptible. Beaches are monitored around the country to protect the public but The Marine & Environmental Research Institute (MERI) is the only organization that monitors beaches in the Blue Hill area, using the same protocols as the Maine Healthy Beaches program assessment parameters from EPA. **According to the EPA, no single sample should exceed 104 Enterococci bacteria, and the monthly average should not exceed 35.** Carrying Place Beach is sampled every other week.



Most Recent Sampling Days	Sampling Site	Enterococci Bacteria Count	Meets EPA Criteria
July 7	A	10	
	B	161	
July 20	A	10	
	B	10	
Aug 3	A	10	
	B	10	
Aug 14	A	10	
	B	10	
Aug 22	A	10	
	B	10	
Monthly Average		25.10	



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