

Aug 29 – Sept 5, 2019 Bacteria Levels

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 Shaw Institute 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 monthly averages should not exceed 35.



Site	Most Recent Sampling Days	Sampling Sites	Enterococci Bacteria Count	EPA Safety Levels
Carrying Place Beach	Aug 29 (Low Tide)	C	NA	👍
		D	97	👍
	Aug 30 (High Tide)	A	253	👎
		B	31	👍
	Aug 31 (High Tide)	A	1	👍
		B	1	👍
Sep 4 (Low Tide)	C	1	👍	
	D	1	👍	
Curtis Cove	Sep 4 (Low Tide)	C	31	👍
		D	1	👍
Curtis Cove (Stream)	Aug 29	Low Tide	1145	👎
	Aug 30	Low Tide	287	👎
	Aug 31	Low Tide	228	👎
	Sep 1	Low Tide	405	👎
	Sep 2	High Tide	393	👎
	Sep 3	High Tide	10	👍
	Sep 4	Low Tide	213	👎
Peters Cove	Sep 3	A	20	👍
		B	1	👍
KYC Yacht Club	Sep 3	Dock	1	👍
Blue Hill Town Park	Sep 3	A	545	👎
		B	63	👎
	Sep 4	A	2481	👎
		B	331	👎

