

2017 Bacteria Data - Narragansett Bay Sites Enterococci Data

Two groups of bacteria are monitored to indicate the presence of human sewage and associated pathogens, or disease causing organisms - fecal coliforms and enterococci. The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIHealth) uses a single-value enterococci standard for licensed swimming beaches. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) uses a geometric mean approach for contact recreation standards on all other waters (fresh and salt). In addition, as required by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program for shellfish waters and their tributaries and as an indicator of overall water quality, RIDEM assesses fecal coliform levels. (Fecal coliform data is available for marine waters and shellfish area tributaries in the "Tidal Rivers Bacteria" file).

While URIWW's Analytical Laboratories are State certified, URIWW data are intended for screening purposes only. Samples from various sites may have been collected over a period of days for each collection period, so may reflect dry versus wet weather or rain event values. Please contact URIWW for specific sample dates. Our data are very valuable for targeting areas of concerns and for tracking potential sources of bacterial contamination. Results above the state standard could be unsafe, and you should refrain from swimming until results return to acceptable levels, or at least for several days after heavy rain.

RI Department of Health Enterococci Standards:

Single Sample Not to exceed: 60 enterococci per 100 mL Fresh Waters & Marine Waters.

RI Department of Environmental Management Enterococci Standards:

Marine (salt water) Geometric Mean Density: 35 enterococci per 100 mL.

Designated Bathing Beach (Fresh) Waters Geometric Mean Density - Not to exceed 33 enterococci per 100 mL.

Non-designated Bathing Beach (Fresh) Waters Geometric Mean Density - Not to exceed 54 enterococci per 100 mL.

Watershed code	MONITORING LOCATION	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	GEOMEAN
Arranged upstream/downstream and west to east		---- Most Probable Number of Enterococci per 100 mL ----						
PE	NR 01 - Gilbert Stuart	35	NA	-	18.7	-	-	26
PE	NR 02 - Upper Pond	<10	10	20	<10	-	-	<10
PE	NR 03 - Lower Pond A	52	<10	10	<10	-	-	<10
PE	NR 04 - Lower Pond B	<10	<10	31	<10	-	-	<10
PE	NR 13 - Near Lakeside Rd.	<10	31	<10	10	-	-	<10
PE	NR 14 - Lakeside Outfall	<4	20	Dry	Dry	-	-	<10
PE	NR 05 - Lacey Bridge	<10	<10	99	<10	-	-	<10
PE	NR 06 - Mettatuxet Beach	<10	20	20	10	-	-	<10
PE	NR 11 - Mettatuxet Brook	2613	121	1050	98	-	-	425
PE	NR 07 - End of Narrows	31	10	<10	<10	-	-	<10
PE	NR 08 - Middlebridge	<10	42	-	-	-	-	<10
PE	NR 12 - Mumford Brook	306	801	682	6131	-	-	1006
PE	NR 09 - Pettaquamscutt Cove	20	<10	31	<10	-	-	<10
PE	NR 10 - Sprague Bridge	-	10	<10	<10	-	-	<10
NA	Wickford Cove West of Loop Dr	<10	238	20	<10	-	-	17
NA	Wickford Cove East of Loop Dr	20	178	10	10	-	-	24
NA	Wickford Harbor - Brown St Dock	<10	10	945	<10	-	-	<10
NA	Wickford Harbor - Main St Dock	31	42	<10	<10	-	-	36
GB	GrBay #6 - Ponaug Marina	63	12033	75	<10	-	-	87
GB	GrBay #13 - EG Town Dock	<10	>2005	368	<10	-	-	>29