

# Beach Testing

# FAQ

## What is the CCHD testing for?

- High levels of E. Coli bacteria

## The lake has high levels of E. Coli Bacteria... So what?

- High levels of bacteria in the water can make you and your family sick. Swallowing the water can cause diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever, and stomach pain.

## Where can I find the results?

- Results are posted on the CCHD website and Facebook page almost as soon as we receive them!

## Will there be signs posted at the beach if there is an advisory or closure?

- Yes! **RED- Closed (Beach is closed for water activities).**  
**YELLOW-Advisory (Water activities are not recommended).**  
**GREEN- Swim at your own risk**

*\*\*Results are in cfu/100mL - Levels between 235 - 999 = Advisory - Levels 1,000 or higher = Closure*

## What happens if a test result comes back high?

- Beach testing takes place every other Monday. If these results are high, then a re-test is done Wednesday.

## How long do test results take?

- We typically receive the results within 48 hours and get the information out as fast as we can!

## Can I still boat if the lake is closed?

- The lake will still be open for boating and fishing.

## If the lake is closed for swimming, does this mean the fish are unsafe to eat?

- We'd recommend rinsing the fish with clean, potable water, not lake water; use clean knives & cutting boards; wash hands well after handling the raw fish; & cook the fish fully to an internal temp of at least 145°F (63°C).

## Why do you only test 4 beaches in Clark County?

- We know that there are numerous areas that people can swim in Clark County but we only test the water at designated beach areas.