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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 9, 2023**  
**Weekly Grand Traverse County Beach Report**  
Sample Collected September 8, Reported September 9  
**GRAND TRAVERSE BAY**

<u>Beach</u>	<u>This week's sample results</u> <u>E. coli count per 100ml</u>	<u>Water Quality Index</u>
East Bay Park	136	1

<u>Water Quality Index</u>	<u>Body Contact Limits</u>	<u>E.coli/100ml</u> (Single Event)	<u>E.coli/100ml</u> (30 day geo-mean)
<b>Level 1</b>	E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact.	<b>0-300</b>	<b>0-130</b>
<b>Level 2</b>	E. coli levels meet EGLE standards for wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist not advised.	<b>301-1000</b>	<b>131-1000</b>
<b>Level 3</b>	E. coli levels exceed EGLE standards, no body contact advised.	<b>&gt;1000</b>	<b>&gt;1000</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	Health Alert. E. coli levels and/or known gross contamination of beach waters. Avoid contact with beach waters.		

**Note:** Beach samples are routinely collected once a week. Therefore E. coli levels may not meet the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) standards between sampling days. E. coli levels are more likely to increase after a storm.

**Note:** Beaches are sampled using the composite sampling method approved by EGLE. Follow-up samples after a Level 2, 3, or 4 will utilize geometric mean.