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August 22, 2025

Weekly Grand Traverse County Beach Report

Samples collected August 21, Reported August 22

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> |
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| Sunset Park | 2 | Level 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) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Level 1 | E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact. | 0-300 | 0-130 |
| Level 2 | E. coli levels meet EGLE standards for wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist is not advised. | 301-1000 | 131-1000 |
| Level 3 | E. coli levels exceed EGLE standards; no-body contact advised. | >1000 | >1000 |
| Level 4 | 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 Level 2, 3, or 4 will utilize the geometric mean.