

Info on Water Quality Testing

Gimli Beach water quality is tested twice per week by the Province of Manitoba. Water quality levels are posted at the Lake Winnipeg Visitor Centre, Park Patrol Hut, the Province of MB website and the RM of Gimli website www.gimli.ca, the day following the testing process. Water quality levels may fluctuate between regular testing.

When high levels of bacteria occur at this beach they usually last for short periods of time. Although most swimmers are not expected to become ill, the possibility of illness increases with higher levels of bacteria.

Water quality that exceeds 200CFU/100ml is considered above the recreational water quality objectives and swimmers should follow the precautions below.

**CFU/100ml = Colony Forming Units per 100 millilitres of water sampled.*

As there is a period of time between the actual water quality testing and the posting of results, the Municipality recommends that beach users always take the following precautions:

- Avoid swallowing lake water
- Wash your hands before handling food
- Avoid swimming with an open cut or wound, or if you are experiencing illness
- Minimize water contact if lake levels are high and strong winds are present.

If you require more information please contact Health Links at 1-888-315-9257.