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P R E S S R E L E A S E

New Bedford's Beaches Closed to Swimming Today

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The New Bedford Health Department has announced that East Beach located along East Rodney French Boulevard and West Beach located along West Rodney French Boulevard, as well as the beach inside Fort Taber Park remain closed to swimming today, Monday, July 7, 2014.

Significant rainfall during the holiday weekend raised the threat of elevated bacteria levels at these locations. The Health Department has closed New Bedford's beaches to swimming to protect public health.

The water at these beaches will be tested daily until acceptable water quality levels are obtained and swimming can resume. Additional testing will be conducted this morning, July, 7, 2014. If the test results indicate that water quality has improved to acceptable standards, the beaches will re-open on July 8, 2014. Further updates regarding openings and closures will be made as water quality results are received.

Additional information is available by calling the New Bedford Health Department at (508) 991-6199.

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