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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### New Bedford beaches closed to swimming today

**New Bedford, Massachusetts**– The New Bedford Health Department has announced the city’s beaches have closed to swimming today, Wednesday, July 24, 2019, due to elevated bacteria levels.

The Health Department has closed all of the city’s beaches sections to swimming to protect public health, after yesterday’s heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding in areas of the city.

The water at all New Bedford beaches will be tested daily until acceptable water quality levels are obtained and swimming can resume at all sections. 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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