



**TOWN OF SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENT
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
HEALTH DIVISION**

**Summer Beach Testing Results
August 2024**

The public beach at Hedgehog Pond in Salem was re-sampled on August 19, 2024. The two samples were collected and submitted for microbiological analysis to a NH accredited laboratory.

The samples were analyzed for bacteria, (E. coli), the indicator organism utilized to determine safe swimming conditions. At a freshwater beach, an **advisory** is posted if either **two** samples exceed the state standard of **88 counts** or when **one** sample exceeds **158 counts**.

The two samples were collected from each beach in accordance with the NH DES "Standard Operating Procedure for Bacteria Sampling". The results are as follows:

Location:

Results:

Hedgehog Pond ----- 44, 125

The Swimming Advisory has been lifted at Hedgehog Pond and the beach has been re-opened for swimming. These are the final beach results for this year. The testing program will begin again in June of 2025.

All of the beaches are in compliance with the guidelines established by the NH DES for safe swimmable waters at this time.

Any questions, please feel free to contact the Health Officer at 890-2050.