

## FRESHWATER PUBLIC BEACH SAMPLING & LAB LOG-IN REQUESTS

DES Beach Program personnel will still serve as a resource for municipalities and associations that choose to continue submitting swimming water bacteria (E.coli) samples to the DES laboratory in Concord. The billing procedure managed by the lab will remain the same as well as the \$20 charge for each bacteria sample. If samples are returned to the DES lab in the appropriate bottles with correct labels and login forms, notification of elevated results will still occur within 24 hours as in past summers. Sterile bottles may be obtained free of charge in person or by online request <http://www2.des.state.nh.us/DESOnestop/HOBottles.aspx>. Samples must be returned within 6 hours of collection and on ice to the state lab facilities. Staff will accept samples Monday thru Thursday from 8am – 2pm and on Friday or the day before a holiday from 8am – noon.

For sampling protocol, please review the presentation “Sampling Freshwater Beaches” under “Hot Topics” and the fact sheet at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/bb/documents/bb-13.pdf>

**To request a lab log-in sheet for your beach, please copy, paste and fill out the following information into an email addressed to [beaches@des.nh.gov](mailto:beaches@des.nh.gov).** You **MUST** have a specific lab log in sheet to submit samples to the DES water laboratory for bacterial analysis under the Beach Program. Questions or comments may be directed to Teresa Ptak at 271-8803 or [beaches@des.nh.gov](mailto:beaches@des.nh.gov).

**Contact name:**

**Beach Municipality or Association:**

**Beach(es) to be sampled:**

**How would you prefer to receive paperwork from DES? Please provide contact info below:**

Mailing address:

Email:

Fax:

**Phone number:**

**Comments:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** A federal grant will be available to support *coastal* water sampling and analyses through the 2012 sampling season. Monitoring and notification for *coastal* public beaches will continue through the DES Beach Inspection Program as in the past nine seasons. Additionally, those facilities monitored through the Youth Recreation Camp Licensing Program are administered separately from the DES Beach Program and seasonal inspections will continue as in past years.