

PUBLIC BEACHES

Public Beaches in Clinton County

When you go swimming at the beach, the Clinton County Health Department strives to ensure your and your loved ones' safety.

The Clinton County Health Department work with our partners who own or operate public bathing facilities by insuring the each facility has an approved bathing safety plan, adequate bather supervision, the required first aid equipment, the proper operation and maintenance of equipment, etc.

What is the purpose of the New York State Bathing Codes?

The purpose of the New York State bathing codes are to substantially reduce the risk of drowning, near drowning, disease, or injury for the public using the bathing facility and to substantially reduce the liability of permitted facility owners.

New York State Sanitary Code Subpart 6-2 assures a sanitary, healthful and safe environment for the public when using bathing beaches.

Information for the General Public

We want you to enjoy yourself at Clinton County's permitted beaches.

You have a responsibility to your family and yourself for bathing beach safety. Clinton County Health Department highly recommends that you and your family swim at permitted municipal or temporary residence beaches for your family's safety. These beaches have had their safety plans reviewed, collect beach water samples at least twice a month when the beach is open, and are inspected at least once a year.

Bathing Beach Related Issues and Diseases

Clinton County beaches periodically have problems with blue green algae in Lake Champlain and swimmer's itch in Lake Champlain and other smaller bodies of water. Illnesses can evolve the following symptoms or diseases:

Swimmer's Ear

Cryptosporidiosis

Giardiasis

Recreational Water Diseases

Parents Responsibilities

Parents need to Learning and practicing the avoidance of risk factors can greatly reduce the chances of water-related injuries including drowning for you and your family.

Parents should not trust a lifeguard to be continuously watching their child because the lifeguard's responsibility is track all the bathers in the water. This can be a big problem when there are many bathers for the lifeguard to track.

The lifeguard does not know your child's swimming skills but you do. A child who cannot swim becomes buoyant once the water is chest high on the child. This means that the child not be able to touch the bottom and now is in severe danger of drowning because s/he is able to swim.

It takes as little a ten seconds for a young child to drown. For your child's sake, please, watch your child when s/he is in the water particularly if s/he cannot swim.

Remember to swim at a regulated facility, use a buddy system when swimming, know your limits, and watch your children particularly when they are in the water, and please do not drink alcoholic beverages and then go swimming.

Contact Us

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