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INFORMATION ABOUT PLUM ISLAND BATHING BEACHES

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The City of Newburyport would like to inform Newburyport residents that beaches on Plum Island as of 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2011 are reopened. Subsequent marine water samples were taken on September 12, 2011 was negative for the *Enterococci* bacteria and has passed the single and geometric minimum standards set forth by the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 445. 000 "Minimum Standards for Bathing Beaches"**

Please be advised that in accordance with the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Sanitary Code 105 CMR 445. 000 " Minimum Standards For Bathing Beaches"** beach water sample testing for *Enterococci* bacteria is conducted by the City Health Department only during the summer bathing beach season which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The City Health Department has posted signs that any Newburyport resident or visitor who wishes to swim in the beaches of Plum Island after Labor Day are advised to do so with the following Health Department advisories "*Swim at your own risk*" and "*Bacteria Levels are not monitored outside of the above dates of operation*"

If you should have any questions please contact the City Health Department at 978-465-4410. For further information on bathing beaches please visit the City Health Department web site at: <http://www.cityofnewburyport.com/Health.htm> or the Ma State Public Health Department(MDPH) website for bathing beaches at: http://mass.digitalhealthdepartment.com/public_21/beaches.cfm?btown=newburyport