When are warnings issued?

Warning!

A warning is issued when water sample results exceed State health standards due to high bacteria levels and there are environmental factors (i.e. south swell conditions – transboundary flows) indicating waters/currents are pushing bacteria from the international border north. The Department of Environmental Health & Quality (DEHQ) directs beach users to avoid water contact at beaches posted with orange and blue warning signs.

Beaches with warnings are sampled daily to monitor all environmental factors.