

Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (October 9) released the latest grading of water quality for 38 gazetted beaches (see Note 1) and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay, see Note 2).

Twelve beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), 22 as Fair (Grade 2) and five as Poor (Grade 3).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Chung Hom Kok Beach	Shek O Beach
Discovery Bay	South Bay Beach
Hap Mun Bay Beach	St Stephen's Beach
Hung Shing Yeh Beach	Tong Fuk Beach
Lo So Shing Beach	Turtle Cove Beach
Repulse Bay Beach	Upper Cheung Sha Beach

Grade 2 beaches are:

Big Wave Bay Beach	Kadoorie Beach
Butterfly Beach	Kiu Tsui Beach
Cafeteria New Beach	Kwun Yam Beach
Cafeteria Old Beach	Lido Beach
Castle Peak Beach	Lower Cheung Sha Beach
Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach
Clear Water Bay First Beach	Middle Bay Beach
Clear Water Bay Second Beach	Pui O Beach
Deep Water Bay Beach	Silver Mine Bay Beach
Golden Beach	Stanley Main Beach
Hoi Mei Wan Beach	Trio Beach

Grade 3 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach	Silverstrand Beach
Approach Beach	Ting Kau Beach
Casam Beach	

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades, namely Good (Grade 1), Fair (Grade 2), Poor (Grade 3) and Very Poor (Grade 4), according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are

calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. The latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the EPD's website on Beach Water Quality (www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.

Note 1: In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced on July 13 that all beaches would be temporarily closed from July 15 until further notice.

Note 2: Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.