

# Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (December 4) released the latest grading of water quality for four gazetted beaches that are open all year round for swimming (see Note).

Two beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1) and two as Fair (Grade 2).

Grade 1 beaches are:

Deep Water Bay Beach

Golden Beach

Grade 2 beaches are:

Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Silverstrand 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](http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach)) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.

Note: In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced that lifeguard services at these beaches were suspended from December 2 until further notice.