

Grading of beach water quality released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (November 30) released the latest grading of water quality for nine gazetted beaches. Other beaches have been closed to swimmers from November 1 for the winter season.

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

Grade 1 beaches are:

Clear Water Bay Second Beach*	Repulse Bay Beach
Deep Water Bay Beach#	Silverstrand Beach
Golden Beach	Stanley Main Beach^
Middle Bay Beach#	

Grade 2 beaches are:

Big Wave Bay Beach^	Silver Mine Bay Beach^
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* The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today that Clear Water Bay Second Beach will reopen on December 1.

^ For Silver Mine Bay Beach, Stanley Main Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach, lifeguard services are suspended from December 1, 2018, to February 28, 2019.

Deep Water Bay Beach and Middle Bay Beach remain closed until further notice due to the severe damage brought about by Typhoon Mangkhut earlier.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades 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 department's websites on Beach Water Quality (www.beachwq.gov.hk and www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.