



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Amended Bathing Beach Regulations

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health has recently issued amendments (effective June 6, 2014) to the State Bathing Beach regulations (105 CMR 445) with respect to acceptable water quality criteria and posting requirements. Anyone wishing to review the State regulations and recent amendments may go to <http://www.mass.gov/dph/beaches>.

Previously in 2010 the Lakeville BOH had issued a press release at that time regarding revised beach permitting regulations (also State, that became effective in 2010) that required any semi-public bathing beach, as defined in 105 CMR 445, to apply to the local Health Department within the Town the beach is located in, to permit the beach. The local Board of Health is required to permit the beach and review operations, which includes explicit signage requirements in addition to weekly testing requirements and associated weekly postings and/or closures dependent upon the results of the testing.

To date, none of the semi-public (Association owned or controlled) beaches in Lakeville are permitted, in compliance with State regulations, nor can they be considered safe for swimming, and should be posted as such, by those in control of said semi-public beaches.

If you have any concerns regarding water quality and potential public health issues associated with a semi-public beach in Lakeville that you may utilize or have rights to, Please have your association representative(s) contact the Lakeville Health Department at 508-946-3473 to insure your beach is properly permitted under the State regulations, and tested accordingly, for the safety of all who may utilize said bathing beach.

Any questions may be directed to the Department of Public Health and/or the Lakeville Health Department and/or you may email Lawrence Perry, Agent for Lakeville Board of Health, at [lperry@lakevillema.org](mailto:lperry@lakevillema.org).