

**15A NCAC 18A .3402 BACTERIOLOGICAL LIMITS FOR SWIMMING AREAS (EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2021)**

- (a) The enterococcus level in a Tier I swimming area shall not equal or exceed either:
  - (1) a geometric mean of 35 enterococci per 100 milliliters of water; or
  - (2) a single sample of 104 enterococci per 100 milliliters of water.
- (b) The enterococcus level in a Tier II swimming area shall not equal or exceed a single sample of 104 enterococci per 100 milliliters of water.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-221.3; 143B-289.52;  
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**15A NCAC 18A .3402 BACTERIOLOGICAL LIMITS FOR SWIMMING AREAS (EFFECTIVE UNTIL MARCH 31, 2021)**

- (a) The enterococcus level in a Tier I swimming area shall not exceed either:
  - (1) A geometric mean of 35 enterococci per 100 milliliter of water, that includes a minimum of at least five samples collected within 30 days; or
  - (2) A single sample of 104 enterococci per 100 milliliter of water.
- (b) The enterococcus level in a Tier II swimming area shall not exceed a single sample of 276 enterococci per 100 milliliter of water.
- (c) The enterococcus level in a Tier III swimming area shall not exceed two consecutive samples of 500 enterococci per 100 milliliter of water.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 130A-233.1;  
Eff. February 1, 2004.*