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Weekly Benzie and Leelanau Beach Report Sampled June 19, 2024. Reported June 20, 2024.

<u>Beach</u>	This week's sample results E. coli count per 100ml	30 day Geometric Mean	Water Quality Index
Frankfort Beach	9		Level 1
Beulah Beach Crystal Lake	19		Level 1
Empire Beach	47		Level 1
Greilickville Harbor Park	17		Level 1
Leland Van's Beach	7		Level 1
Northport Marina	53		Level 1
South Bar Lake	20		Level 1
Suttons Bay Marina	579		Level 2
Suttons Bay Park	10		Level 1

Water Quality Index		E. coli/100ml (Single Event)	E. Coli/100ml (30 day geo-mean)
Level 1	E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact	0-300	0-130
Level 2	E. coli levels meet EGLE standards for wading, fishing, and boating. contact above the waist not advised.	300-1000	130-1000*
Level 3	E. coli levels exceed EGLE standards, no body contact advised	>1000	>1000
Level 4	Health Alert. E. coli levels and/or known gross contamination of beach waters. Avoid contact with beach waters.		

Note: Beach samples are routinely collected once a week. Therefore E. coli levels may not meet EGLE standards between sampling days. E. coli levels are more apt to increase after a storm.

* If beach samples contain more than 130 E. coli/100ml, as a 30 day geometric mean, a notice for that beach will be set at the water quality index of 2 and will remain until the 30-day geometric mean is below 130 E. coli per 100ml.