BEACH WATER SAFETY

Vibrio vulnificus
Aka flesh-eating bacteria
It’s naturally found in saltwater around the globe

What You Need to Know

Healthy people rarely get infections. Common risk factors include:
- Diabetes
- Liver disease
- Cancer
- Open cuts or sores

If you have any of these risk factors, talk to your medical provider before swimming in any natural body of water.

Enterococcus

Galveston County beaches are tested for runoff bacteria typically found after heavy rains.

Real-time beach watch advisories can be found at www.texasbeachwatch.com.
Advisories typically last 48 hours due to swift moving currents and can be avoided by using one of the beaches not under advisory.
Beach watch advisories are not related to Vibrio vulnificus.

WEAR WATER SHOES TO HELP PREVENT CUTS WHILE SWIMMING
Immediately clean any cuts and report redness or swelling to your doctor
The majority of people who get infections recover without long-term complications

HELPFUL WEBSITES:
WWW.GALVESTONBEACHINFO.COM
WWW.GCHD.ORG/BEACHWATER
WWW.TEXASBEACHWATCH.COM