

2021 VANDERBURGH COUNTY WATER TESTING INFORMATION

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

1. In accordance with Indiana State Department of Health code, all facilities in Vanderburgh County that operate a public/semipublic water entity must submit 1 satisfactory bacteriological water report to Vanderburgh County Health Dept. per water entity that is open to the public. This testing must be conducted at a laboratory that is publically certified to perform and report bacteriological water examinations.
2. All public/semipublic water entities in Vanderburgh County must have 1 satisfactory bacteriological water report filed at the Vanderburgh County Health Dept. Laboratory at least **1 week prior to opening to the public**. This includes:
 - Opening a new facility
 - Opening for summer
 - Reopening after repairs/maintenance

COST

1. Testing cost at VCHD Lab is **25.00 per sample**. Only VCHD issued bottles may be used for testing at our facility. Bottles may be purchased Mon-Fri: 8am - 4pm*
We accept payment by:
 - credit/debit card,
 - cash
 - checks
2. Test bottles may be purchased and test samples dropped off on the 1st floor, General Reception.

*Notification of holiday schedules that affect VCHD Laboratory hours and report deadlines will be made public through the VCHD Facebook Page, handouts at VCHD and email 1 week prior to the holiday.

WATER SAMPLE DROP OFF

1. While VCHD is operating under COVID 19 restrictions we will adhere to a drop off schedule. If you are a client and are not aware of your scheduled date and time to deliver your weekly/monthly sample please contact us at 812-435-5662 or vchdlab@vanderburghcounty.in.gov
2. All bottles submitted for testing must be labelled with:
 - the name of the facility
 - specific water entity name ****for facilities with more than 1 water sample.**
3. The sample must be:
 - accompanied with a testing form we issue for your facility (the test form must be filled in with current, accurate information.*)

***If the information we have prefilled for your facility on the water testing form is not correct please notify us at 812-435-5662 or vchdlab@vanderburghcounty.in.gov**

RESULT REPORTING

1. VCHD Laboratory maintains reports for all water testing done at our laboratory.
2. VCHD Laboratory monitors all testing compliance and failures for public recreational water facilities operating in Vanderburgh County.
3. **Any public recreational water facility in Vanderburgh County that performs their testing at a lab other than VCHD must have their report submitted to VCHD Lab by 2pm every Friday* that they are open to the public.**
 - It is the facility's responsibility to submit reports tested outside of VCHD laboratory by 2pm every Friday* that they are open to the public.
4. All reports submitted to or tested at VCHD are subject to public record by request.

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FAILURES

1. What Constitutes a Failure?
 - The presence of Coliform bacteria
 - The presence of E.Coli bacteria
 - A heterotrophic plate count of >200/1.0ml colonies
 - Bathing Beach samples with E. Coli quantitation >235
 - Failure to submit a weekly sample or sample report “No Show Failure”

2. **Failures that will be called by VCHD** include:
 - The presence of Coliform bacteria
 - The presence of E.Coli bacteria
 - A heterotrophic plate count of >200/1.0ml colonies
 - Bathing Beach samples with E. Coli quantitation >235

3. **VCHD does not call “No Show Failures”** to any facility.
 - It is each facility’s sole responsibility to manage their submissions if they do not test at VCHD Laboratory.
 - VCHD will email all of its test reports to the email listed on the most current Client Information Sheet by 2pm each Friday.*

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CLOSURES

1. **ALL CLOSURES will be called by VCHD.** A closure is constituted by:
 - 2 concurrent weekly failures
 - 3 failures in any 6 week period
 - Any positive test for E.Coli
 - An E. Coli count of >235 in a public lake/bathing beach

2. Any facility that fails to immediately close a facility, after notification, due to a critical violation under Section 5 shall be subject to a 2500.00 civil penalty.