

BEACH WATER SAFETY

What You Need to Know

Vibrio vulnificus

Aka flesh-eating bacteria

It's naturally found in saltwater around the globe

more than
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MILLION

people visited
Texas beaches
in 2015

Less than
0.00035%
got a *Vibrio
vulnificus*
infection

15X more pedestrians were
killed by vehicles
100X more people were
killed in vehicle crashes
468X more people were seriously
injured in vehicle crashes



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

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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

