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Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Advisory: Littlefield Park Beach Closure

Partial body contact advisory in place

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is issuing a partial body contact advisory for Littlefield Park in Oden, Mich. Water sampling conducted on Wednesday, July 6 resulted in the finding at this Emmet County beach. Samples came back high at 648 E. coli per 100ml (about 3.38 oz), resulting in the partial body contact advisory based on the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards.

The advisory is posted at the beach and the sample outcome calls for limiting activities to wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist is not advised. Total body contact is not advised. A partial body contact advisory is issued when E. coli are between 301 E. coli/100ml to 1000 E. coli/100ml.

“Follow-up samples were conducted this morning and results will be available tomorrow morning,” said Jeremy Fruk, HDNW Director of Environmental Health.

Through an EGLE supported web-based program, the public has real-time access to beach water quality results for beaches all over Michigan. Information can be found at www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/.

Recent results from all other beach tests allow for full use. HDNW samples more than 50 area beaches annually throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.

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