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Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Advisory: Littlefield Park Beach Open for Full Use

Partial body contact removed based on sample results

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is removing a partial body contact advisory for Littlefield Park in Oden, Mich., based on the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards. Newer water sampling occurred Thursday, July 7 and shows the E. coli level at 16/100ml (about 3.38 oz) -- safe for full water contact.

“The follow-up samples were conducted yesterday morning and results are favorable for swimming and other activities we categorize as ‘full-body contact,’” 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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