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Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Advisory: Fisherman's Island State Park Beach Closure

No-body contact advisory in place

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is issuing a no-body contact advisory for Fisherman's Island State Park in Charlevoix, Mich. Water sampling conducted on Tuesday, July 12 resulted in the finding. Samples came back high at 2,419 E. coli per 100ml, resulting in the no-body contact advisory based on Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards.

The advisory is posted at the beach and calls for no wading, swimming, fishing, or boating. A no-body contact advisory is issued when E. coli are above 1,000 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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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit nwhealth.org.