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Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Arbutus Beach Advisory Lifted

Otsego Lake location cleared through follow-up testing

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is removing the partial-body contact advisory for Arbutus Beach on Lake Otsego. Results from a follow-up sample taken Thursday show the E. coli level at 1.8 per 100ml which is acceptable for full-body contact based on Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards. The advisory is no longer posted at the beach.

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.