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**Beach Advisories Lifted: Mackinaw Beach 1 and Littlefield Park**

*Follow-up sampling results make way for full water use*

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is lifting the partial body contact advisory for Mackinaw Beach 1 and Littlefield Park, both in Emmet County. Follow-up tests at the beaches came back within approved levels for full body contact based on the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards.

Mackinaw Beach 1, located in Mackinaw City at 6000 East Wilderness Park Drive, tested at 72.7 E. coli/100ml. Littlefield Park, located in Oden, retested at 18.4 E. coli/100ml. The threshold for declaring an advisory is 300 E. coli/100ml and is also referred to as Level 1.

With recent follow-up samples coming back below the advisory threshold, as of Friday, July 22, there are no beach advisories in place for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties, according to Jeremy Fruk, HDNW Director of Environmental Health.

Stay informed on HDNW's beach monitoring results by checking the agency's [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Also, 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 <https://www.egle.state.mi.us/beach>.

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