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**Health Department of Northwest Michigan**

**Richardi Park Beach Advisory Remains in Place**

*Partial-body contact recommended*

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is continuing a partial body contact advisory for Richardi Park Beach in Antrim County, Michigan. A water sample collected Monday showed an E. coli level of 488.4 E. coli per 100ml, which calls for restricted use based on Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards. The advisory is posted at the beach.

At this level, HDNW recommends limiting water contact to wading, fishing, and paddling. Contact above the waist is not advised.

A follow-up water sample was taken today, Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the E. Antrim Street site in Bellaire. Results will be shared with the public Wednesday, Aug. 31. The beach at Richardi Park in late summer has many waterfowl gathering there, which contributes to potentially elevated E. coli levels through fecal matter. While the beach isn't a common swimming site, HDNW continues to test it for public safety and awareness.

HDNW posts beach monitoring reports on its website at <https://www.nwhealth.org/beach.html>. 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/](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/). With summer winding down, this will be the last week of beach monitoring this season.

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