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**Health Department of Northwest Michigan**

**Richardi Park Beach Advisory Continues, Two Others Added**

*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 Tuesday showed an E. coli level of 579.3 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.

Also based on testing Tuesday, Zorn Park and Sturgeon Bay have partial body contact advisories in place. Zorn Park is located off W. Bay Street in Harbor Springs and has an E. coli level of 410.6 per 100ml. Sturgeon Bay Township Beach is located off N. Lake Street in Carp Lake and has an E. coli level of 770.1. Levels testing between 301 and 1000 per 100ml qualify for partial body contact advisories, based on EGLE standards.

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

Follow-up water samples were taken today, Wednesday, Aug. 31 at all three beaches. Results will be shared with the public Thursday, Sept. 1.

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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