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Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Richardi Park Beach Advisory Continues, Others Cancelled

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 Wednesday showed an E. coli level of 505.9 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.

Advisories posted Wednesday for Zorn Park and Sturgeon Bay Township Beach have been cancelled. A sample taken Wednesday at Zorn Park, located off W. Bay Street in Harbor Springs, shows an E. coli level of 6.3 per 100ml. A sample taken at Sturgeon Bay Township Beach, located off N. Lake Street in Carp Lake, shows an E. coli level of 1.7. Levels testing between 301 and 1000 per 100ml qualify for partial body contact advisories, based on EGLE standards. Levels 300 per 100ml allow for full body contact.

For the ongoing partial body contact for Richardi Park Beach, 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, Thursday, Sept. 1. Results will be shared with the public Friday, Sept. 2.

With summer winding down, this will be the last week of beach monitoring this season. 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.deg.state.mi.us/beach/.

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