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Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Richardi Park Beach Advisory Extended

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 308.4 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.

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. The level at Richardi Park has decreased over the week; however, HDNW continues to recommend limiting water contact there to wading, fishing, and paddling. Contact above the waist is not advised.

A follow-up water sample will be taken Tuesday, Sept. 6. Results will be shared with the public Wednesday, Sept. 7.

After retesting at Richardi Park Beach, HDNW will be winding down beach monitoring for the 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.deq.state.mi.us/beach/.

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