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**HDNW Issues Beach Advisories for Camp Petosega and Little Traverse Township Park**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is issuing two different advisories based on testing conducted at local beaches Wednesday. A partial body contact advisory is in place today for Camp Petosega in Alanson and a full body contact advisory for Little Traverse Township Park in Conway. The short-term advisories are based on elevated E. coli levels in the surface waters.

At Camp Pet-o-se-ga, 11000 Camp Petosega Road on Pickerel Lake, a water sample collected Wednesday showed an E. coli level of 613.1 per 100 milliliters, which calls for restricting use based on Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) [water quality standards](#). Contact above the waste is not recommended. The advisory is posted at the beach.

At Little Traverse Township Park, along Crooked Lake off U.S. 31 in Conway, a water sample collected Wednesday showed an E. coli level of 1,986.3 per 100 milliliters, which calls for an advisory to not enter the water near the beach location—until follow-up testing can confirm a lower E. coli level. The advisory is posted at the beach.

E. coli levels between 301 and 1,000 per 100ml qualify for partial body contact advisories. This allows for activities like wading, fishing, and paddling. Levels of more than 1,000 per 100 milliliters warranted caution of all water-based activities.

Follow-up water samples are being taken today, June 29. The results will be available tomorrow morning, Friday, June 30, and shared with the public with potential changes to today's advisories.

“HDNW conducts water sampling throughout the summer months to monitor E. coli levels at more than 50 Great Lakes and inland lakes beaches. The levels change frequently and are impacted by the presence of fowl, waves, and more,” says Jeremy Fruk, HDNW Director of Environmental Health Services. “When a sample comes back that creates an advisory of any type, the water at that beach is sampled again to keep the public updated.”

HDNW posts beach monitoring reports weekly 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/).

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