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Antrim County Beach Advisory Issued
Thursday's Emmet County Beach Advisory Lifted

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is issuing a partial body contact advisory for Banks Township Park in Antrim County. A water sample collected Thursday showed an E. coli level of 920.8 per 100 milliliters (ml), 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.

A follow-up water sample will be taken Monday, Aug. 7. Results will be shared with the public.

HDNW is lifting the partial body contact advisory for Little Traverse Township Park along Crooked Lake off U.S. 31 in Conway, Mich. A water sample collected Thursday showed an E. coli level of 42.0 per 100 ml.

Levels testing between 301 and 1,000 per 100 ml qualify for partial body contact advisories, based on EGLE standards. Levels below 300 per 100 ml allow for full body contact. The level at Banks Township Park advises no water contact above the waist. Wading, paddling, and fishing are considered safe.

Water sampling is done throughout the summer months to monitor E. coli levels at many public beaches. The levels change frequently, impacted by the presence of fowl, waves, and more. When a sample comes back that creates an advisory of any type, the water at that beach is sampled again the next day 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/.

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