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No Body Contact Beach Advisory Issued and Partial Body Contact Advisory Lifted
No body contact advisory issued at Camp Petosega and Partial Body Contact Advisory lifted at East Jordan Tourist Park

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is issuing a no body contact advisories for Camp Petosega in Emmet County. Camp Petosega was currently under a partial body contact advisory since yesterday however, a follow-up water sample at the beach on Thursday showed a higher E. coli level of 1564.6 per 100 milliliters (ml), a level that advises no swimming, wading or other contact with the water.

In addition, The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) is lifting the partial body contact advisory for East Jordan Tourist Park in Charlevoix County. Based on the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards, the follow-up water samples taken Thursday showed an E.coli level of 138.1 per 100 milliliters (ml) and are within the parameters for contact above the waist and swimming.

Levels below 300 per 100 ml allow for full body contact. levels between 301 and 1,000 per 100 ml qualify for partial body contact advisories, based on EGLE standards. Levels greater than 1,000 per 100ml qualify for no body contact with the water. This level is considered a health alert.

Based on test results at Camp Petosega, no body contact with the water is advised. The beach will be resampled on Monday. Results will be shared with the public, Tuesday, Aug. 15. Camp Petosega is located at 11000 Camp Petosega Road on Pickeral Lake in Alanson, MI

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 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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