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Two Beach Advisories in Place
Harbor Springs and Bellaire beaches involved

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) has upgraded the partial body advisory for Zorn Park in Harbor Springs, Emmet County, to a full body restriction. In addition, a partial body advisory is in place today for Richardi Park in Bellaire, Antrim County. The advisories are posted at the beaches.

Zorn Park Update

A water sample collected Wednesday as a follow-up to Tuesday's elevated levels of E. coli showed 1,268.5 per 100 milliliters (ml), which requires no water contact based on Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards. The beach is located at 151 E. Bay Street in Harbor Springs.

Richardi Park Advisory

A water sample taken Wednesday showed an E. coli level of 435.2. Levels testing between 301 and 1,000 per 100 ml qualify for partial body contact advisories, based on EGLE standards. With a partial body contact, wading, paddling, and fishing are considered safe.

Both beaches are being resampled. Results will be shared with the public tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 25.

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.deg.state.mi.us/beach/.

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