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### **Two Beach Advisories Extended**

*Partial body contact notices for Harbor Springs and Bellaire beaches*

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

E. coli levels testing between 301 and 1,000 per 100 ml qualify for partial body contact advisories, based on Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards. With a partial body contact, wading, paddling, and fishing are considered safe.

#### **Zorn Park Update**

A water sample collected Thursday as a follow-up to elevated levels of E. coli showed 443.9 per 100 milliliters (ml), which requires a partial body contact advisory. The beach is located at 151 E. Bay Street in Harbor Springs.

#### **Richardi Park Update**

A water sample collected Thursday as a follow-up to elevated levels of E. coli showed a level of 366.0 per 100 ml, also requiring a partial body contact advisory. The park is located on East Antrim Street in the Village of Bellaire.

Both beaches will be resampled Monday. Results will be shared with the public Tuesday, Aug. 29.

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/](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/).

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