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Two Beach Advisories Lifted

Water contact limitations no longer in place for Harbor Springs and Bellaire beaches

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) has ended the partial body contact advisory for Zorn Park in Harbor Springs, Emmet County. In addition, a partial body contact advisory for Richardi Park in Bellaire, Antrim County, has ended. The advisories previously posted at the beaches have been removed.

Resampling done at Zorn Park has returned with an E. coli level of 7.0 per 100 milliliters (ml). The beach is located at 151 E. Bay Street in Harbor Springs. The retest at Richardi Park in the Village of Bellaire came back from the lab with an E. coli level of 267.9 per 100 ml, below the threshold for an advisory based on Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) water quality standards.

E. coli levels testing at 300 or below per 100 ml do not qualify for safety advisories. Full use of the water is 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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