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Information **Advisory** Warning Update

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Advisory Issued for Holland Road Beach Due to Elevated *E. coli*

The St. Clair County Health Department's (SCCHD) Environmental Health Division conducts environmental monitoring at eight public beaches in St. Clair County for the presence of *E. coli* bacteria from Memorial Day to Labor Day. At the present time, the Health Department has issued an advisory for the following beach: **Holland Road Beach, Port Huron.**

Water samples will be collected at the beach until the *E. coli* test results are within the acceptable water quality standard range. In order to remain open, public beaches must meet the State of Michigan's full body contact water quality standard of 300 colonies of *E. coli* bacteria per 100 milliliters of water.

E. coli bacteria is a common microbe found in the digestive systems of warm-blooded animals, including humans, and can indicate the presence of fecal contamination. This advisory follows several days of rain. Elevated *E.coli* levels are possible after a storm or strong winds because bacteria are carried in storm water runoff into waterways or stirred up from waves. If we have experienced a recent heavy rainfall, high winds, or if the water appears cloudy or turbid, individuals should choose not to swim that day.

Advisories for St. Clair County's public beaches are shared on the SCCHD's 24-hour Water Quality Hotline at 877-504-SWIM, "St. Clair County Beaches" Facebook page, the "MyBeachCast" app, and Michigan BeachGuard website at www.egle.state.mi.us/beach/.

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