



**District Health
Department #10**
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DHD#10 URGES PUBLIC TO AVOID WATER CONTACT AT BAR LAKE OUTLET BEACH, FIRST STREET BEACH, AND IRMA SUNDLING BEACH IN MANISTEE COUNTY

June 26, 2024 – On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) collected bacterial samples from Bar Lake Outlet Beach, First Street Beach, and Irma Sundling Beach in Manistee County. DHD#10 is reporting that these samples showed elevated E. coli levels and will continue to sample until the levels are reduced.

Residents and visitors should be advised of unusually high levels of E. coli bacteria at Bar Lake Outlet Beach, First Street Beach, and Irma Sundling Beach in Manistee County. When swimming or conducting other water activities during periods of high bacterial levels, the risk of becoming ill from contamination increases. Children, the elderly, and individuals with weakened immune systems are the most at risk. Flu-like symptoms such as diarrhea, abdominal cramping, fever, and dehydration can occur from exposure to contaminated water. Upper respiratory illnesses, such as ear, nose, and throat infections, may also occur, in addition to skin infections if an open wound is not properly protected.

Confirmation samples will continue to be collected. When levels have reduced, DHD#10 will notify the public that the Public Health Advisory has been lifted.

For up-to-date results, please visit EGLE’s BeachGuard site:

<https://www.egle.state.mi.us/beach/>.

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