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Information **Advisory** Warning Update

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Advisory Issued for Port Huron's Lighthouse Beach Due to Elevated E. Coli

The St. Clair County Health Department's Environmental Health Division monitors public bathing beaches in St. Clair County for the presence of E. coli bacteria throughout the summer swimming season. At the present time, the following public beach is closed:

Lighthouse Beach, Port Huron

Water samples will be collected daily at Lighthouse Beach until the E. coli test results are within the acceptable range. In order to remain open, public beaches must meet the State of Michigan's full body contact standards of 300 E. coli bacteria per 100 ml of water.

E. coli bacteria is found in the digestive systems of warm-blooded animals, including humans, and can indicate the presence of viruses and pathogens that cause illnesses. The advisory at Lighthouse Beach follows two days of rain. Elevated E.coli levels are possible after a rain storm or strong winds because bacteria are carried in storm water runoff into waterways or stirred up from waves.

Current 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/.

For more information, visit www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/health/bathing.aspx or contact our Environmental Health Division at (810) 987-5306. Follow us on social media @scchdmi.

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