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Health Department Issues Swimming Advisories for Six St. Clair County Beaches

The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) has issued water quality swimming advisories for the following six St. Clair County beaches: **Chrysler Beach in Marysville; Holland Beach, Lakeside Beach and Lighthouse Beach in Port Huron; and Keewahdin Beach and Fort Gratiot County Park Beach in Fort Gratiot.** These beaches have been closed due to the elevated presence of *E. coli*. Water samples will be collected at these beaches until *E. coli* test results are within the acceptable water quality range as advised by the State of Michigan.

E. coli bacteria are a common microbe found in the digestive systems of warm-blooded animals, including humans, and can indicate the presence of fecal contamination. Beach goers should be aware elevated *E. coli* levels are possible after a storm or strong winds because bacteria are carried in storm water runoff, including drainage from creeks and ditches, and stirred up from waves.

Advisories for St. Clair County's public beaches are shared on the SCCHD's "St. Clair County Beaches" Facebook page and Michigan BeachGuard website at www.eagle.state.mi.us/beach/.

For more information, visit www.scchealth.co or contact the SCCHD Environmental Health Division at (810) 987-5306. Follow us on social media @stclaircountybeaches.

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