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To: Eastern Upper Peninsula Area Media
From: Suzanne Lieurance, R.S., Environmental Health Supervisor
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024
RE: No Body Contact Advisory for 4 Mile Beach

NO BODY CONTACT ADVISORY FOR 4 MILE BEACH

Due to elevated levels of E. coli bacteria detected in samples collected Tuesday, July 23, 2024, the Chippewa County Health Department has issued a No Body Contact Advisory for 4 Mile Beach, southeast of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

People are advised to avoid body contact with the waters at 4 Mile Beach. Do not get the water in your mouth, or on cuts or scratches on your skin.

Rain, high winds, and wavey conditions are known to cause elevated levels of bacteria, specifically E. Coli, in the water, for 24 or more hours after these events. It is expected that levels of bacteria in the water will fall to acceptable levels about 24 hours after these conditions end.

Monitoring efforts by the Chippewa County Health Department's Environmental Health staff will continue. The Health Department will notify the public when the advisory has been lifted.