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UPDATE ON BEACH POSTINGS FOR IVERSON PARK AND MEAD PARK

(Stevens Point) Environmental Health staff from Portage County Health and Human Services-Division of Public Health retested beach waters at Iverson Park and Mead Park on July 24, 2019. The results from the samplings were received by the Division of Public Health late Thursday afternoon and show that the beach waters are now below advisory posting requirements for E. coli bacteria. For beaches on flowing water ways, such as rivers, this is common.

Every year thousands of people safely enjoy swimming in Wisconsin waters. The DNR and local health officials monitor water at public beaches throughout Wisconsin on a regular basis to protect public health. The beaches remain open to swimmers. When recreating in Wisconsin waters the following precautions are recommended to prevent illness:

- Do not ingest the water
- Wash your hands before eating
- Do not swim if you are ill

Elevated E. coli bacteria levels can result from increased water flow from heavy rainfall or from animal waste contamination, typically from the presence of waterfowl. Additional information can be found at the Portage County beach monitoring webpage on the Portage County website at

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