

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**Public Health Advisory Update:** Advisory issued for Kids Creek and Boardman/Ottaway River has been lifted.

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**Issued By:** Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD)

The GTCHD has lifted the Public Health Advisory issued on **August 19** for **Kids Creek** and the **Boardman/Ottaway River**. Water sample results collected August 20 show that **E. coli levels now meet** the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy standards for **Level 1 full-body contact**.

The advisory was originally issued as a cautionary response to an **accidental release of about 500 gallons of sewage into Kids Creek** during a construction project to repair an existing sewer main.

Please see the report below.

**Health Alert Update - Grand Traverse County Report**

Samples collected August 20, Reported August 21

**GRAND TRAVERSE BAY**

<u>Beach</u>	<u>This week's sample results:</u> <u>E. coli count per 100ml</u>	<u>Water Quality Index</u>
<b>Boardman River @ Boardman Weir</b>	43	Level 1
<b>Kids Creek @ Cedar Street Bridge</b>	248	Level 1

<u>Water Quality Index</u>	<u>Body Contact Limits</u>	<u>E. coli/100ml</u> (single event)	<u>E. coli/100ml</u> (30-day geo-mean)
Level 1	E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact.	<b>0-300</b>	<b>0-130</b>
Level 2	E. coli levels meet EGLE standards for wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist is not advised.	<b>301-1000</b>	<b>131-1000</b>
Level 3	E. coli levels exceed EGLE standards; no-body contact advised.	<b>&gt;1000</b>	<b>&gt;1000</b>
Level 4	Health Alert. E. coli levels and/or known gross contamination of beach waters. Avoid contact with beach waters.		

**Note:** Beach samples are routinely collected once a week. Therefore, E. coli levels may not meet the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) standards between sampling days. E. coli levels are more likely to increase after a storm.

**Note:** Beaches are sampled using the composite sampling method approved by EGLE. Follow-up samples after Level 2, 3, or 4 will utilize the geometric mean.

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