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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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

**Issued:** August 21, 2025

**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**

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

<b>Water Quality Index</b>	<b>Body Contact Limits</b>	<b>E. coli/100ml (single event)</b>	<b>E. coli/100ml (30-day geo-mean)</b>
Level 1	E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact.	0-300	0-130
Level 2	E. coli levels meet EGLE standards for wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist is not advised.	301-1000	131-1000
Level 3	E. coli levels exceed EGLE standards; no-body contact advised.	>1000	>1000
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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