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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

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**1st Street Beach – City of Manistee
Manistee County**

Manistee County residents and visitors should be advised of unusually high levels of E. coli bacteria at the following beach: **1st Street Beach in the City of Manistee, Manistee County.** Water sample test results from August 26th 2020 indicated elevated levels of E. coli bacteria at this beach.

When swimming or conducting other water activities during periods of high bacterial levels, the risk of becoming ill from contamination increases. Children, the elderly, and individuals with weakened immune systems are the most at risk. Flu-like symptoms such as diarrhea, abdominal cramping, fever, and dehydration can occur from exposure to contaminated water. Upper respiratory illnesses, such as ear, nose, and throat infections, may also occur, in addition to skin infections if an open wound is not properly protected.

Confirmation samples are scheduled to be collected and results posted as soon as possible, at that time, the **Public Health Advisory** condition will be either lifted or the beach will be closed.