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**Heavy Rain Advisory**

**WOODSTOCK** – Due to recent and ongoing heavy rains, all McHenry County public beaches are on a heavy rain advisory. The potential for high bacteria (E coli) counts increases with periods of high precipitation. The Department recommends refraining from swimming at least 2-3 days after a heavy rainfall event due to the potential increase risk of swimming associated illness (gastrointestinal illness and ear nose and throat infections). The Department has posted all beaches with a HEAVY RAIN ADVISORY sign.

The McHenry County Department of Health will retest beaches on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Results will be available on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> and can be found on the Department's webpage at [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info) or by calling (815) 334-4585.

Water sampling results are also reported to the appropriate beach authorities.

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