



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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WARNING

ELEVATED BACTERIA LEVELS

Capitola Beach West of the Jetty

The most recent water quality results for Capitola Beach west of the jetty, sampled on June 2, 2015, indicate bacteria levels above safe body contact standards. The beach has been posted with swimming advisory signs. Water testing will continue and warning signs will be maintained until bacteria levels fall below the safe body contact standard. No other Santa Cruz beaches are affected by this advisory.

Generally, coastal waters meet safe swimming standards unless there are rainfall events. Increased bacteria levels affect the near shore environment and return to levels that meet safe swimming standards approximately 3 days after rainfall stops.

The public is also reminded that urban lagoons, storm drains and stream discharges across the beaches regularly have bacteria levels in excess of standards for safe swimming, particularly at the following locations:

San Lorenzo River Mouth
Soquel Creek at Capitola Beach
Moore Creek at Natural Bridges

Schwan Lake at Twin Lakes Beach
Aptos Creek at Rio Del Mar Beach
Porter Gulch at New Brighton Beach

Web Site: http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/eh/environmental_water_quality_data_/index.html