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Recreation Bay closed due to elevated levels of E. coli

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The Public Safety Division of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to advise the community that Recreation Bay Beach will be closed for reasons of health and safety due to high levels of E. coli.

Recent water sampling by technicians from Environmental Health Services (EHS) of Kahnawake Shakotiia'takehnhas Community Services has revealed a rise in E. coli and is recommending the closure of the beach until levels return to what is considered acceptable for swimming and recreation. There are always certain levels of bacteria in water, but today's high levels currently make it unsafe for swimming.

Although technicians will be testing a second time this week in preparation for Pow-wow weekend, improvements to the water quality are only expected once there has been a significant amount of rainfall. Additionally, a reminder that the no swimming advisory for certain areas in Tioweró:ton is still in effect.

The community will be kept up to date on further developments. For more information, please contact Environmental Health Services at 450-635-9945 or the Public Safety Unit at 450-632-0635.