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## COVE ROAD BEACH ADVISORY

(Nanticoke, MD) - Cove Road Beach is currently under an advisory due to elevated bacteria levels. These elevated levels are typically seen after prolonged periods of heavy rainfall. It will be re-sampled today and results will be available tomorrow afternoon.

Children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with a weakened immune system are most likely to get sick from swimming in contaminated water. They are also most likely to become seriously ill from exposure to waterborne illnesses.

Exposure to bacteria, viruses, and parasites in contaminated water can cause symptoms and diseases ranging from ear, nose, and eye infections to diarrhea, vomiting, hepatitis, encephalitis, skin rashes, and respiratory illnesses. You can reduce your risk of getting sick by following these tips:

- Pay attention to contamination and advisory warnings and stay out of polluted water.
- Avoid swimming at beaches after heavy rainfall.
- Stay out of murky or foul-smelling water.
- Avoid beach water if you have an open wound or infection.
- Swim without putting your head under water.

Roaring Point Beach does not have elevated bacteria levels.

For questions, residents may call the Department of Environmental Health at (410) 546-4446 or visit [www.wicomicohealth.org](http://www.wicomicohealth.org).

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