

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Westwood Lake closed for swimming until further notice**

*Public instructed to stay out of the water*

#### **Summary**

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) has informed the City of Nanaimo that the E.Coli count at Westwood Lake exceeds the allowable limit. Results from water tests conducted by VIHA were provided to the City Friday afternoon. A follow-up test will occur Monday, July 13.

Members of the public are instructed not to swim in Westwood Lake until further notice.

*Strategic Link:* N/A

#### **Key Points**

- Effective immediately, swimming at Westwood Lake is closed to the public.
- Park users are instructed to remain out of the water until further notice.
- For updated information on water conditions at Westwood Lake, please visit the City's website, follow us on social media or read the VIHA Beach Report.
- Westwood Lake Park remains open for hiking and walking.

#### **Quotes**

"At this time, the E.Coli count at Westwood Lake exceeds the allowable limit set by the Vancouver Island Health Authority. The lake is now closed for use. Beach users and swimmers are instructed to use alternative water recreation areas until further notice."

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Manager, Parks Operations  
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#### **Quick Facts**

- To find alternative places to swim, use the City's "Park Search" tool on our website.

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