

## NEWS RELEASE

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

*Public instructed to stay out of the water after more testing*

#### **Summary**

Island Health has informed the City of Nanaimo that after a second test, the E-coli bacteria levels still exceed the allowable limit and swimming is not recommended due to poor water quality. Water testing will continue on a regular basis and updates will be provided to the public as test results are received.

*Strategic Link: N/A*

#### **Key Points**

- Swimming at Westwood Lake remains closed to the public.
- For updated information on water conditions at Westwood Lake, please visit the City's website at [www.Nanaimo.ca](http://www.Nanaimo.ca), follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or read Island Health's Beach Report.
- Westwood Lake Park remains open for hiking and walking.

#### **Quotes**

"It is important that we keep swimmers safe, so until the levels drop to an allowable limit, we continue to encourage the community to use alternative water recreation areas such as the water parks and the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre."

Damon Johnston  
Assistant Manager, Aquatics  
City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

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

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