

Preventive Medicine Recreational Water Quality Program

Purpose

To prevent exposure to Recreational Water Illnesses (RWIs) at MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River

Causes

Recreational water contamination can be caused by many sources, such as: storm water, boating waste, wildlife, pets, children in diapers and swimmers themselves



Symptoms

Swimming in contaminated water can cause diarrhea, and also skin, ear, and eye infections

Monitoring

Naval Hospital public health staff sample 5 beach stations weekly throughout MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River. Pools are sampled monthly

Regulations

Water quality levels are set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and each state based on average public usage

Prevent Recreational Water Illnesses

- Swimming advisories can be posted if a single sample exceeds the state regulation.
- Advisories can be posted from a minimum of 24 hours to several weeks.
- Daily samples are collected until safe water levels are produced.

Advisory



ATTENTION
SWIMMING IN THIS AREA
IS NOT RECOMMENDED.
BACTERIA TESTING INDICATES LEVELS
OF CONTAMINATION THAT MAY BE
HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH.
THIS ADVISORY AFFECTS WATERS
WITHIN 200' OF THIS SIGN.

Prevention

- Properly dispose of pet waste
- Dispose of trash properly
- Use designated restrooms at beaches
- Properly dispose of boating waste
- Use natural lawn products on your yard

Please Clean Up
After Your Pet



- For more information about recreational water quality and testing sites, contact Naval Hospital Preventive Medicine Department at (910) 449-9664/ (910) 451-2707.

Information