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E. coli Bacteria Detected in Cottonmill Swimming Pond

KEARNEY- Cottonmill Swimming Pond in Kearney has tested positive for E. Coli bacteria, according to samples taken Monday, September 15th. When E. coli bacteria levels test above 235 colonies/100 ml a Health Alert is not issued. However, conditions are at a higher risk to human health when swimming. Considering the more rapid changes in bacteria conditions, signs are not posted with these higher levels. Although, we want people to be aware of beach conditions and use their own judgment as to whether they use a listed water body. There is a risk of infectious disease when swimming in any recreational body of water.

What should I do if I find the levels are above the risk-based guidelines?

- Avoid any situation that could cause you to swallow lake water
- If you have been in contact with lake water, shower afterward
- If you have been in contact with lake water, wash hands before eating

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