

# **PRIOR WARNING**

Bathers are advised of the possibility of an increase in the levels of bacteria in the bathing water over the coming days due to yellow status weather warning for heavy rain with chance of isolated thunderstorms.

To reduce the risk of illness, beach users should take the following precautions:

- **Avoid swallowing or splashing water**
- **Wash your hands before handling food**
- **Avoid swimming with an open cut or wound**
- **Avoid swimming if you are pregnant or have a weakened immune system.**

Higher levels of bacteria are usually short-lived and most bathers are unlikely to experience any illness.

**LIKELY CAUSE:** Heavy rain with chance of isolated thunderstorms resulting in runoff from land and storm overflows with high microbial loading.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** 1 to 3 days

**ACTIONS TAKEN/PROPOSED:** Erect Prior warning notice and schedule sampling for 16/06/25 with results available on 18/06/25.

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