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WAKE REOPENS SANDLING BEACH AT FALLS LAKE

Wake County has reopened the recreational swimming area at Sandling beach. The beach was closed Friday, June 14, 2013, due to elevated levels of the enterococci bacteria, but was reopened today, June 17, 2013, after bacteria levels tested within Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards for two consecutive days.

The County routinely tests recreational lakes for bacteria and when levels exceed EPA standards, the area is closed to “primary contact recreation,” which includes swimming or any activity where a person’s head may go underwater. The county samples these lakes weekly during the summer.

For the latest information on temporary closures and reopenings of beaches and lakes in the County due to elevated bacteria levels, people are asked to visit the [Wake County Recreational Waters Web site](#). People are also reminded to always wash their hands with soap and water, and thoroughly shower after swimming, tubing or skiing in area lakes to reduce chances of contracting a recreational water illness.

More information on [recreational water illnesses](#) can be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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