

Dear Camp Director

Re: Recreational Water Monitoring

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit inspects 73 recreational camps throughout the operating season. In order to help you plan and prepare for the season ahead, we would like to inform you now of a clarification in procedure for bacterial sampling and monitoring of your beaches or natural swimming areas.

The Ministry of Health's *Beach Management Protocol* does not specifically include beaches within recreational camps as part of its monitoring mandate. Our Health Unit will no longer supply to camps the forms or sample bottles for submission to the Public Health Laboratory. Should you, however, wish to conduct your own beach monitoring program using the services of a private laboratory, our inspectors are available to assist you with program setup and interpretation of laboratory results.

We will continue to inspect camps under the *Recreational Camps* regulation and the general health hazard provisions of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

You can contact our Health Connection line at 705-721-7520 to speak to an inspector or go to our website [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) for more information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Capko', written in a cursive style.

Jerry Capko  
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