



Statement

Friday, June 10, 2016

Notices lifted at six Fingal Beaches

The swimming notices issued in respect of six beaches in Fingal have been lifted after water sample tests showed the water quality at each location is satisfactory.

Swimming is now permitted at Balbriggan, Loughshinny, Rush North, Skerries, Claremont & Sutton/Burrow Beaches.

Prohibitive Notices had been placed on Loughshinny Beach, Rush North Beach, Skerries South Beach and Balbriggan Front Strand Beaches last weekend and on Tuesday, Advisory Notices were placed at Velvet Strand, Portmarnock, Claremont Beach and Sutton Burrow Beach.

On Thursday a Prohibitive Notice was issued for Velvet Strand Beach, Portmarnock. This notice will remain in place until at least Monday when the results of tests on water samples taken yesterday will be made available to the Council.

The decision to issue Prohibitive or Advisory Notices in respect of swimming at Fingal beaches is made as a precautionary measure where it is believed that there may have been deterioration in the water quality due to a suspected or anticipated pollution event. Fingal County Council also has an agreed schedule of sampling in place with the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that there is a constant monitoring of water quality at beaches throughout the county.

It is done to ensure that the health of bathers is not compromised. Beach users are requested to respect the notices when they are in place. Members of the public intending to enter the water at any beach in Ireland are advised to check the water quality in advance by accessing the EPA website at <http://splash.epa.ie/#> or by checking the notice board at the entrance to each beach.

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