PRESS RELEASE

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Temporary ‘Do Not Swim’ Notices issued for Loughshinny and Rush South Beaches

Fingal County Council has issued temporary ‘Do Not Swim’ notices for Loughshinny and Rush South Beaches as a result of high levels of microbial contamination found in routine samples taken at both beaches on 21st August.

The likely cause of the deterioration in the water quality at both locations is suspected sewage from wastewater treatment plant/sewer network/CSO. Investigations are on-going.

The Health Safety Executive has advised that swimming at the beaches be prohibited until levels return to normal. Another sample was taken today at both beaches and sent for testing with the results due at the weekend.

The beaches remain open but beach users are asked to respect the temporary ‘Do Not Swim’ notice as it has been put in place to ensure that the health of bathers is not compromised.

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 https://www.beaches.ie/# or checking the notice board at the entrance to each beach.

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