

Water Contact Advisory Issuance

- Based on Water Testing Results-

Step 1: Advisory Issued

An advisory is issued when test results exceed state standards.

Step 2: Resample Collection

Once an advisory is issued, a resample is collected on the following day.

Step 3a: Advisory Reevaluation

If the resample meets the state standards, the advisory is lifted.

Step 3b: Advisory Reevaluation

If the resample exceeds the state standards, the advisory remains until the next scheduled sampling event.

Step 3c: Geometric Mean Calculation

If a partnering agency resamples and submits results, geomean will be calculated for the site in exceedance.

Water Contact Advisory Lifting Conditions for County sampling and Geometric Mean:

The advisory is lifted when sample results or geometric mean meet state standards.

County Sampling: The last sample collected meets state health standards for a single sample.

Partnering Agencies: The last sample collected meets state health standards for a single sample, <5 samples collected within 30-day period, and geomean calculation does not exceed the geomean standards.

Water Contact Warning Issuance

- Only For South County -

Warning Issued:

A beach warning is issued when:

- The test results exceed the state health standards for water quality.
- And south swell conditions are present, causing ocean waters to flow from the south to the north (transboundary flow).
- And none of the following conditions are present:
 - No sewage spills have been reported.
 - The Tijuana River is not flowing and reaching recreational waters.
 - There are no field reports of odors or water discoloration from County staff, lifeguards, beach managers, or surfers/swimmers.

Water Contact Warning Lifting Conditions:

The warning is lifted when both conditions are met.

Condition 1: Water sample results meet the state standards.

Condition 2: No field reports of odors or water discoloration observed in the beachline.

Water Contact Closure Issuance

- Based on Water Testing Results-

Closure Issued:

A water contact closure is issued when there are known sewage impacts from any one or more of the following:

- A sewage spill has been reported.
- Or the Tijuana River is flowing and reaching recreational waters.
- Or verified field reports of odors or water discoloration (sewage impacts) have been received from lifeguards, beach managers, or surfers/swimmers, and confirmed by DEHQ.

Water Contact Closure Lifting Conditions:

The closure is lifted when all conditions are met.

Condition 1: Water sample results meet the state standards.

Condition 2: The sewage release has been stopped.

Condition 3: No field reports of odors or water discoloration observed in the beachline.