



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

**Attention: Switsemalph IR #6,
Salmon Arm, BC**

Notice: 06 June 2017

Special Precautions:

Recreational Waters at Pierre's Point, Sandy Beach, Glen Echo

During Flood and After Flood – potentially contaminated with sewage, water runoff, chemicals, and waste from waterfowl, domestic and wild animals. There may also be unpredictable currents, fast flowing water and submerged hazards that are dangerous.

There are visible signs of green algae in the water, which may be potentially blooms of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) in the water. Exposure to blue-green algae may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and/or fever in humans and pets.

First Nations Health Authority recommends:

- Swimmers avoid flooded water and/or swim with caution in waters with high amounts of debris. Debris can present physical hazards and increase risk of entrapment and drowning
- Do Not Swim in water that looks murky, smells unpleasant, or has unusual high discoloration.
- Avoid swallowing water or putting your head under water if you are unsure about its quality.
- Avoid swimming if you have an open wound or infection.
- Avoid swimming if you are sick from digestive or intestinal problem.
- Anyone who comes in contact with blue-green algae should rinse off with fresh water.
- Chiefs and Councils may wish to post advisories on beaches where they believe it is unsafe to swim or there has been contamination from sewage systems, storm drainage, etc.