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Public Service Announcement

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Core Area Wastewater Discharge Notice - UPDATE

Victoria, BC- Extremely heavy rainfall starting on Tuesday, December 8, resulted in combined stormwater and wastewater overflows along the shorelines of the Core Area in Greater Victoria. After the latest water quality sample results, public health advisory signage remains up at the Humber Road outfall in Oak Bay because wastewater (sewage), heavily diluted by stormwater, has been detected near the shore. Residents are advised to avoid swimming or wading, or allowing pets in the water in this area, as the wastewater may pose a health risk.

All other public advisory signage associated with this storm event has been removed.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is in the process of collecting additional shoreline water samples at the Humber Road outfall. As a precaution and in consultation with Island Health and the local municipalities, beaches within the affected areas will be posted with public health advisory signs until sample results indicate that enterococci levels are below the 70CFU/100mL recreational limit.

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