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HIGH LEVELS OF E. COLI FOUND IN BADFISH CREEK

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JANESVILLE — Recent surface water testing by the Rock County Public Health Department has indicated high levels of E. coli bacteria in Badfish Creek in the Town of Porter.

A recent mid-winter sampling by the Rock County Health Department revealed that the waters of the Badfish Creek had an E. coli level of 1,120 units per 100 mls of water. This level is considered high and could potentially cause intestinal illness if ingested.

During winter months, the risk to exposure from surface waters would typically be low, however with unusual spring-like weather conditions, special care should be taken to avoid activities that might result in ingestion of waters from the Badfish Creek.

Other locations sampled in Rock County this week included Clear Lake, Lake Koshkonong, the Rock River at Preservation Park, Sugar River, and Spring Creek at Carver Roehl Park. All of these other locations had low levels of E. coli below health advisory levels.

More information can be found at www.co.rock.wi.us/health or by contacting the Rock County Public Health Department at 608-757-5440 or 608-364-2010.