

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

UCSB Ocean Waters: Health Hazards Update 2/6/18

UCSB Environmental Health & Safety has thoroughly tested our campus beaches (Lot 6, Campus Point, Manzanita Beach) and determined they no longer need to be closed for health reasons.

However, Santa Barbara County Public Health testing continues to show dangerous bacterial levels at **Goleta Beach**, **Hammonds Beach** and **Carpinteria Beach**. Public Health strongly advises people not enter these ocean waters and refrain from eating recreationally caught raw fish and shellfish when levels of bacteria highly exceed standards. People are reminded to cook recreationally caught seafood at these three locations before eating. The Public Health Department will continue to test ocean water for microbial contaminants. Out of an abundance of caution, the Public Health Department urges the public to respect the buffer zone of 400 feet on both sides where sediments from the mud flows are being placed. Avoid the buffer zone, which is marked by the orange fencing.

Further information can be found in their January 31st [press release](#).

Student Health is open regular hours and can see any students concerned about health effects of ocean exposure.