

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

UCSB Ocean Waters: Health Hazards Update as of 2/7/2018

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 high bacterial levels at **Goleta Beach**, **Hammonds Beach** and **Carpinteria Beach**. The ocean waters remain closed to any ocean water activities, and Public Health strongly advises people to refrain from eating recreationally caught raw fish and shellfish when levels of bacteria highly exceed standards. Due to the risk of illness with high bacteria levels, Public Health 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 February 7th [press release](#).

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