



Central Michigan District Health Department  
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**To: Local News Media**

**From: Central Michigan District Health Department**

**City of Mt. Pleasant Division of Public Works**

**RE: Public Health Alert/Press Release – Sanitary Sewer Overflow**

**Release Date: June 25, 2017**

### **Sanitary Sewer Overflow into the Chippewa River**

**June 25, 2017** - Due to the additional rainfall on Saturday, the City of Mt. Pleasant Wastewater Plant experienced a secondary sanitary sewer overflow starting at approximately 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Just after 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, the wastewater plant was able to again treat all incoming sewage before discharging to the river.

Crews are working around the clock throughout the city to alleviate conditions from sewer overflows and back-ups. The total volume contributed to the receiving stream is unknown at this time. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Central Michigan District Health Department and City of Mt. Pleasant Division of Public Works officials are urging citizens to avoid any contact with the Chippewa River until further notice. Activities to avoid would include swimming, boating, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, or any activities which include physical contact with the Chippewa River. Testing will be conducted next week on the Chippewa River after flood waters recede to make sure the presence of E. coli is at safe levels for partial and full body contact.

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