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## **Ocean closed in parts of Wildwood Crest as precautionary measure**

WILDWOOD CREST – The public health coordinator of Cape May County, in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, has ordered the ocean in parts of Wildwood Crest closed to the public for a period expected to last less than 24 hours as a precautionary measure following a malfunction at the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority’s Seven-Mile Treatment Center.

The closure took effect Monday afternoon, July 1, via correspondence to Wildwood Crest Mayor Don Cabrera from Cape May County Public Health Coordinator Kevin L. Thomas. This closure is pending the results of ocean water quality testing and is expected to last until Tuesday morning, July 2. Affected areas include Miami Avenue through Jefferson Avenue, equivalent to about the southern third of the Wildwood Crest beachfront.

Officials from the Cape May County MUA discovered Monday morning that the last of three phases in its wastewater treatment system at the Seven-Mile MUA Station failed to trigger during a period from sometime Sunday afternoon through Monday morning for treated water funneled through an outfall line that extends one mile into the ocean at Jefferson Avenue in Wildwood Crest.

The Cape May County Department of Health subsequently ordered the brief closure of the ocean for all areas within a one-mile radius of the outfall line out of an abundance of caution.

The Cape May County Department of Health is expected to have the results of its most recent water quality tests by Tuesday morning, July 2. If such test results are within acceptable limits, the ocean will be reopened to the public accordingly.

The Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol and the Wildwood Crest Police Department executed the closure of the ocean in the aforementioned areas Monday afternoon. The beaches in those areas have remained open to the public.

All media inquiries or questions from the public about this matter should be directed to the Cape May County Department of Health at (609) 465-1187.

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