Elevated bacteria levels found at Keehi Lagoon

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Volunteers Wanda Hanson, left, Renee Nauka, Bernie Kalama and Mele Cabato clean up the Keehi Lagoon area used for canoe races Thursday.

The state Department of Health reported today that testing found elevated levels of bacteria at Keehi Lagoon due to large amounts of storm debris and cleanup activities have stirred up bacteria.

A brown water advisory remains in effect for Keehi Lagoon. Health Department crews will take more samples next week Monday through Wednesday.

The DOH's Clean Water Branch reported today that it found elevated levels of enterococci and Clostridium perfringens at Keehi Lagoon.