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**Residents Warned to Avoid Recreational Activities in Flooded Surface Waters**

As a result of the on-going flood event from Hurricane Irene, the Delaware County Department of Intercommunity Health recommends that all residents of Delaware County avoid recreational contact with flood waters due to the unknown amount of raw sewage and waste chemicals that may be present. This applies to both surface waterways and standing surface water remaining from the flood. To protect the health and safety of all residents The Department of Intercommunity Health recommends:

- No boating or rowing
- No swimming, wading or contact with the water
- No fishing or consumption of fish caught in these waters
- No pets allowed in the water

The Department of Intercommunity Health acknowledges that during a flood emergency, contact with flood waters may be unavoidable during clean-up activities. As such, take universal precautions and wear disposable gloves, wash hands with potable water and avoid any flood water ingestion.

For further information of flood clean-up procedures, please access The Delaware County Department of Intercommunity Health website at <http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/intercommunity> or contact us at (610) 891-5311.