

Alameda County Environmental Health

Attention: Swimmers/Bathers Crown Memorial Beach, Alameda

Recent experiences by bathers at Crown Beach have lead us to suspect that there are tiny organisms in the beach water that can cause a skin irritation called “swimmer’s itch.”

The skin at the feet and ankles may become irritated or itchy. Small red marks may appear. This rash is the only symptom. There are NO long-term health effects.

You are advised to limit contact with the beach water. If you do enter the water, rinse and towel dry thoroughly. If symptoms continue, consult a physician.

For further information please contact:

Alameda County Environmental Health

(510) 567-6714

San Francisco Estuary Institute (snails)

(510) 746-7367 or www.exoticsguide.org

Centers for Disease Control:

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/cercarialdermatitis/factsht_cercarialdermatitis.h
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