

The City Council temporarily closes El Confital's beach after detecting a specific episode of bacterial contamination

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The City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria has declared a ban on bathing on the beach of El Confital after detecting the Public Health Area of the Government of the Canary Islands a specific episode of bacterial contamination in the waters of this bay. The municipal decision is adopted after warning the Government of the Canary Islands to the City of this circumstance, reason why operators of the Council of Ciudad de Mar have proceeded to place fences and posters with the ban on bathing that will last, at least until the next Friday.

This closure decision is made after the last analysis carried out by the Regional Public Health Area, on a collection collected last Monday in the waters of El Confital, reflected that the limit established for the bacteria enterococos was exceeded. The result of this sampling taken on Monday yields indices of 4.4×10 cfu / 100 ml of presence of enterococci in the water, values higher than those legally established.

The Councilor for Mobility and City of the Sea, José Eduardo Ramírez, after receiving the communication of Public Health, activated the municipal protocol of action in this type of situations that, under his coordination, brings together leaders of this area with those of Aguas, Policía Local and Fire. "We understand that this is a punctual episode of contamination since the analyzes we do regularly every week on the beach of El Confital have not detected any incidence with water quality," said Ramírez, "unlike the last episode Of contamination, a year ago, in this case there is a high presence of another bacterium, Escherichia coli. "

The origin of this episode, for the moment, is unknown. Operators of the Water Unit and the City of the Sea Unit, firefighters and local police inspect the possible points of water supply to the sea, whether stormwater or other sources, to detect the cause of this incident. It is absolutely ruled out that this episode of biological contamination in El Confital is related to the incident last Friday in the Port of La Luz and Las Palmas, when a ferry crashed against one of its dikes and caused a spill Of fuel to the sea. The type of contamination of El Confital is of bacterial origin and not of hydrocarbons.

Both from the Department of Ciudad de Mar and from the Public Health Area of the Government of the Canary Islands have been retaken water samples today to check the evolution of this episode punctual. The results will be announced

next Friday, April 28. "If the results of the analyzes re-certify the good quality of the water on Friday, we will be able to open El Confital beach the same day," said José Eduardo Ramírez.

The City of Sea Area of the City of Las Palmas of Gran Canaria performs every week exhaustive controls of the quality of the waters in the beaches of the municipal coast to guarantee its excellent level.