

# The town hall closes the beach of Las Alcaravaneras by high levels of bacteria *Escherichia coli*

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Las Palmas de Gran Canaria town hall has temporarily declared a ban on bathing in the beach of Alcaravaneras by an abnormal increase of the bacterium *Escherichia coli* - *E. coli* - in the waters of this port beach.

The municipality after receiving the notification from the Gran Canaria Health Directorate has alerted Emalsa, who manages the municipal sanitation network, and the Port Authority of Las Palmas to determine the origin of this increase in levels of fecal-origin bacteria. And, if necessary, take the necessary corrective measures.

Immediately the protocol of response to these situations has been activated, first warning the bathers and users of Las Alcaravaneras.

City officials are confident that in the coming days, before the weekend, the beach of Las Alcaravaneras recover their environmental conditions and can reopen to the bathroom as the technicians of the Ministry of Public Health believe that it may be an occasional spill and sporadic, coming from the sanitation network that surrounds the beach or from some boat anchored in the port area closest to the sand.

The Health Department of Gran Canaria has proceeded to take new samples this morning whose results will be known in the coming days. Ciudad de Mar recalls that the city council performs periodic analyzes, three times a week, on the beach of Las Alcaravaneras with optimal results for the bath and the use of the beach. These are analyzes that complement those carried out by the Government of the Canary Islands.