



# Beaches High-Tech Ahead of Opening Weekend

## Guardian Angels patrolling beaches

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Chicago - Beach closings have gone digital just in time for their Memorial Day Weekend opening.

The city will be sending alerts via Twitter, Facebook and text messages to give beach-goers quicker access to beach conditions.

The park district also has access to new computer models that can better predict bacteria counts and possible beach closings.

E-coli and other bacteria close some of Chicago's 33 beaches on a regular basis.

There is also a new rule, to not feed the wild life, as a way to combat bacteria.

Security is being beefed up on Chicago's beaches after some recent reports of violence. The Guardian Angels were out patrolling the lakefront Thursday night.

There's been a rash of violent incidents on and near North Avenue Beach, but the Angels say they're mainly looking to help on the holiday weekend..

They say if you feel like you're in danger, you can always ask one of them for help.