

NEWS RELEASE

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TYBEE ISLAND, GA— The Chatham County Health Department has placed the Tybee Middle Beach at Center Terrace area under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken August 6th show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The advisory area is from Lovell Street to 11th Street on Tybee Island, and an advisory sign is posted. The Chatham County Health Department recommends that you do not swim or wade in the water. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The Tybee Middle Beach at Center Terrace area will be retested August 8th, and results should be available the next day. The advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria level meets the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard. All other beach areas on Tybee Island tested at acceptable levels.

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