

NEWS RELEASE

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CHATHAM COUNTY, GA— The Chatham County Health Department has placed Skidaway Narrows County Park Beach (also known as Butterbean Beach) under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken August 28 show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The Chatham County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in this area. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The Skidaway Narrows County Park Beach area will be retested on Tuesday, September 2, and results should be available the next day. The advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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