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Health Department Issues Swimming Advisories

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has placed three St. Simons Island beach areas under advisory. The beach areas are East Beach at the Old Coast Guard Station, Massengale Park Beach, and the 5th Street Crossover Beach. Routine water quality tests from samples taken April 8th show the beach water in these areas contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The East Beach at the Old Coast Guard Station area is from 10th Street to Driftwood Drive. The Massengale Park Beach area is from Driftwood Drive to Cedar Street. The 5th Street Crossover Beach area is from Cedar Street to 9th Street. Advisory signs are posted. The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in these areas. Fish and other seafood caught from these areas should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

All 3 beach areas will be retested April 10th, and results should be available the next day. The advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard. All other beach areas in Glynn County tested at acceptable levels.

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