

NEWS RELEASE
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Health Department Issues Swimming Advisories

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The North Beach at Dexter Lane (from the old North picnic area to Brice Lane) and St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island have both been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken December 23 show the beach water in these areas contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

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.

The areas will be retested on during the week of December 29 and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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