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## Health Department Lifts Swimming Advisory for St. Simons Island Beach

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the advisory for South Beach (from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the pier) on St. Simons Island.

The advisory was issued on Wednesday, May 13, after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

Subsequent water samples taken showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted.