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Swimming Advisory for Clam Creek Still in Effect; Advisory for St. Andrews Beach Lifted

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the Old North picnic area) on Jekyll Island is still under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department. The advisory for St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) has been lifted.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken November 23 show the beach water at the Clam Creek contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Bacteria levels for St. Andrews Beach have dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory for that beach has been lifted.

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

The area will be retested and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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