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Jekyll and St. Simons Island Swimming Advisories Lifted

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— Beach water advisories for the following beaches have been lifted:

- St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island
- North Beach at Goulds Inlet (15th Street to 10th Street.) on St. Simons
- East Beach, old Coast Guard station (10th Street to Driftwood Drive) on St. Simons
- 5th Street crossover beach on St. Simons
- South beach at the lighthouse (9th Street to the pier) on St. Simons

Routine water quality tests from samples taken January 12 from Jekyll St. Andrews and on January 18 from North Beach at Goulds Inlet, East Beach, 5th Street crossover beach, and South Beach on St. Simons showed high levels 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 advisories have been lifted.

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