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Jekyll St. Andrews Still Under Advisory; 5th Street Crossover Beach Advisory Issued

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island is still under advisory and the 5th Street Crossover Beach (from Cedar Street to the 9th Street crossover) on St. Simons Island has been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken February 28 at both locations showed 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 the areas under advisory. 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 and the advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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