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Beach Advisories Lifted for Two Tybee Island Beaches

CHATHAM COUNTY, GA – The Chatham County Health Department has lifted the beach water advisories for two Tybee Island beaches. Currently there are no beaches under advisory on Tybee Island.

The advisories were issued on June 4, 2019 after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria at two beach locations. The advisory areas included Tybee Strand Beach at the Pier, which stretches from 11th Street to 18th Street, and Tybee Middle Beach at Center Terrace, which stretches from Lovell St. to 11th Street, on Tybee Island. A high level of enterococci bacteria increases the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

Subsequent water sample tests showed the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisories have been lifted.

For more information about beach water advisories, go to www.gachd.org and click on the Environmental Health tab at the top of the page.

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