

NEWS RELEASE

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TYBEE ISLAND, GA— The Chatham County Health Department has lifted all 4 swimming advisories for Tybee Island. The advisories were issued November 27th after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The beach areas under advisory were:

- South Beach at Chatham Street - from 18th Street to Inlet Avenue
- Strand Beach at the Pier - from 11th Street to 18th Street
- North Beach at Gulick Street - from the jetty to Lovell Street
- Polk Street Beach - the northernmost part of Tybee Island at the mouth of the Savannah River

However, water samples taken November 28th from each location showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisories have been lifted, and there are no Chatham County beaches currently under advisory.

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