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### **Health Department Issues Swimming Advisory**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— The Glynn County Health Department has placed East Beach Old Coast Guard Station on St. Simons Island under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken June 12<sup>th</sup> show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The East Beach Old Coast Guard Station area is from Tenth Street to Driftwood Drive. Advisory signs are posted. The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in this area. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The East Beach Old Coast Guard Station area will be retested June 14<sup>th</sup>, and results should be available the next day. The advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard. All other beach areas in Glynn County tested at acceptable levels.

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