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

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— The Glynn County Health Department has placed South Beach at the Lighthouse on St. Simons Island under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken August 14<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 South Beach at the Lighthouse area is from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the Pier. 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 South Beach at the Lighthouse area will be retested August 16<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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