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GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has placed Clam Creek Beach on Jekyll Island under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken September 25th show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The Clam Creek Beach area is from Clam Creek to the Old North Picnic Area on Jekyll Island. 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 Clam Creek Beach area will be retested September 27th, 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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