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912.644.5217**Health Department Issues Swimming Advisory***Four Beach Areas Now Under Advisory*

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has placed the beach area known as Reimolds Pasture under advisory. Water in this area is tested once a month from April to November. Water samples taken October 24th show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The Reimolds Pasture area is on the eastern shore of Buttermilk Sound. 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.

Three other Glynn County beaches remain under advisory. Advisories were issued earlier this week for North Beach at Goulds Inlet on St. Simons Island, Clam Creek Beach and St. Andrews Beach on Jekyll Island.

All four beach areas will be retested next week. The advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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