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**912.644.5217****Health Department Issues Swimming Advisory; Lifts One Previous Advisory**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— The Glynn County Health Department has issued a swimming advisory for the St. Andrews Beach area on Jekyll Island, which is from Macy Lane to the St. Andrews picnic area. Routine water quality tests from samples taken November 13<sup>th</sup> showed a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The advisory previously issued for Clam Creek Beach on Jekyll Island is still in effect, bringing the total number of beaches under advisory on Jekyll Island to two. The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in these areas. Fish and other seafood caught from these areas should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating. These beach areas will be retested, and advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

The North Beach at Goulds Inlet area on St. Simons Island was also under a previous advisory, but water samples taken November 13<sup>th</sup> showed the bacteria levels had dropped and are within normal limits. Therefore, the advisory for North Beach at Goulds Inlet, which is from 15<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, has been lifted.

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