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

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— The Glynn County Health Department has placed the beach at the South Dunes Picnic Area on Jekyll Island under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken January 22<sup>nd</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 Dunes Picnic Area is from the Beach Deck to the South Water Tower. 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 Dunes Picnic Area will be retested today, and results should be available tomorrow. 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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