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Health Department Issues Two Swimming Advisories

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has placed North Beach at Goulds Inlet and Massengale Park Beach on St. Simons Island under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken March 18th show the beach water in these areas contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The North Beach at Goulds Inlet area is from 15th to 10th streets. The Massengale Park Beach area is from is from Driftwood Drive to Cedar Street. Advisory signs are posted. 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.

Both beach areas will be retested March 20th, and results should be available the next day. The advisories 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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