

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**912.644.5217****Health Department Lifts Swimming Advisory**

**CHATHAM COUNTY, GA**— The Chatham County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for Skidaway Narrows County Park Beach (also known as Butterbean Beach). The advisory was issued yesterday, August 28, after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

However, water samples taken late yesterday afternoon showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted, and there are no Chatham County beaches currently under advisory.

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