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**Health Department Lifts Previous Swimming Advisories;  
Issues New Advisories for Jekyll/St. Simons Beaches**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the advisories for Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the Old North picnic area) and St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island

The advisories were issued on January 7 after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

Water samples taken on Wednesday, January 14, showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisories have been lifted.

The Glynn County Health Department has issued new advisories for the following beaches:

- Captain Wyllly Road Crossover Beach (from Brice Lane to Beach Pavilion) on Jekyll Island
- Massengale Park Beach (from Driftwood Drive to Cedar Street) on St. Simons Island
- South Beach at Lighthouse (from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Pier) on St. Simons Island

Routine water quality tests from samples taken January 14 show the beach water in these areas contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

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.

The areas will be retested and the advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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