

NEWS RELEASE

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**Health Department Issues Swimming Advisories for Clam Creek and South Dunes
Beaches; Lifts Advisory for St. Andrews Beach**

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the Old North picnic area) and the South Dunes picnic area beach (from the beach deck to south water tower) on Jekyll Island have both been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department. The advisory for St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) has been lifted.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken November 9 show the beach water at the Clam Creek and South Dunes beaches contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Bacteria levels for St. Andrews Beach have dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory for that beach has been lifted.

The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in the areas under advisory. 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.