

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**912.644.5217****Health Department Issues Swimming Advisories for Jekyll and St. Simons Island Beaches**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— 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 both remain under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department.

Additional beaches have also been placed under advisory:

- Jekyll Island, North Beach at Dexter Lane (old picnic area to Brice Lane)
- St. Simons Island, East Beach, old Coast Guard station (10<sup>th</sup> Street to Driftwood Drive)
- St. Simons Island, Massengale Park Beach (Driftwood Drive to Cedar Street)

Routine water quality tests from samples taken March 2 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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