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Contact: Sally Silbermann
912.644.5217**Health Department Places Jekyll Clam Creek under Advisory;
Jekyll St. Andrews Beach Advisory Remains**

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— Clam Creek Beach on Jekyll Island (from Clam Creek to the Old North Picnic area) has been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department and the current advisory for Jekyll St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) remains in place.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken March 15th showed a high level of enterococci bacteria at Clam Creek Beach and St. Andrews Beach, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Therefore, the advisory has been issued for Clam Creek Beach and remains in effect for St. Andrews Beach.

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 both areas should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

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

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