

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Jekyll and St. Simons Island Swimming Advisories**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island remains under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department. In addition, the following beaches on St. Simons Island have also been placed under advisory:

- North Beach at Goulds Inlet (15<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street.)
- East Beach, old Coast Guard station (10<sup>th</sup> Street to Driftwood Drive)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street crossover beach
- South beach at the lighthouse (9<sup>th</sup> Street to the pier)

Routine water quality tests from samples taken January 18 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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