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Health Department Places St. Simons Island South Beach Under Advisory; Advisories for Jekyll St. Andrews Beach and Clam Creek Beach Remain

GLYNN COUNTY, GA—St. Simons Island South Beach at the lighthouse (from 9th Street to the pier) has been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department.

Advisories for St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) and Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the old north picnic area) on Jekyll Island remain in place.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken April 19 at all three locations showed 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 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 standards.

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