CHATHAM COUNTY, GA – The Chatham County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for North Beach at Gulick Street on Tybee Island. The advisory area covered the area from the jetty to Lovell Street.

The advisory was issued on July 20, 2011 after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

Subsequent water samples taken showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency’s recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted.