

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**Advisories for St. Simons Massengale Park Beach and North Beach at Goulds Inlet Lifted;  
Jekyll St. Andrews Still Under Advisory**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA** – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the advisories for Massengale Park Beach and North Beach at Goulds Inlet on St. Simons Island. The Massengale Park Beach area is from Driftwood Drive to Cedar St. The North Beach area is from 15<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island is still under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken February 9 at all three locations showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent water samples taken at Massengale Park Beach and North Beach at Goulds Inlet show that the bacteria levels have dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisories for those beaches have been lifted.

The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in the area still under advisory. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The area will be retested and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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