

NEWS RELEASE
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**Advisories Issued for St Simons South Beach at the Lighthouse and
5th Street Crossover Beach**

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has placed two St. Simons beach areas under advisory. The beach areas are South Beach at the Lighthouse (from 9th Street to the pier) and the 5th Street Crossover Beach (from Cedar Street to 9th Street).

Routine water quality tests from samples taken May 8 at both 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 advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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