

NEWS RELEASE

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St. Simons South Beach and Jekyll Island St. Andrews and Clam Creek Beach Advisories Remain; St. Simons North Beach and 5th Street Crossover Advisories Removed

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the advisories for North Beach at Goulds Inlet (from 15th to 10th Street) and 5th Street Crossover Beach (from Cedar Street to 9th Street) on St. Simons Island. The advisories for and St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to the St. Andrews picnic area) and Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the old north picnic area) on Jekyll Island and South Beach at the Lighthouse (from 9th Street to the pier) on St. Simons Island remain in place.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken January 8 at all locations showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent samples show that bacteria levels North Beach at Goulds Inlet and 5th Street Crossover Beach are now within acceptable limits; therefore the advisory for that area has been lifted.

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 as should fish or seafood caught from any waters.

The areas will be retested on January 15 and the advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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