

NEWS RELEASE

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St. Simons South Beach Advisory Lifted; Jekyll Island St. Andrews Advisory Remains

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the advisory for South Beach at the Lighthouse (from 9th Street to the pier) on St. Simons Island. The advisory for St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to the St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island remains in place.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken January 15 at both locations showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent samples show that bacteria South Beach 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 area under advisory. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating as should fish or seafood caught from any waters.

The area will be retested on January 22 and the advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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