

NEWS RELEASE

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Beach Advisories Issued for St. Simons East Beach, Massengale Park Beach, 5th Street Crossover Beach, and South Beach

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – East Beach at the old Coast Guard station (from 10th Street to Driftwood Drive); Massengale Park Beach (from Driftwood Drive to Cedar Street); 5th Street Crossover Beach (from Cedar Street to 9th Street); and South Beach at the lighthouse (from 9th Street to the pier) on St. Simons Island have been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department.

These advisories are only for the areas specified above and do not impact any other beaches on the island. These beach water advisories are to alert the public of a possible risk of illness associated with water contact but do not mean the beaches are closed.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken February 26, 2013 at those 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 as should fish or seafood caught from any waters.

The areas will be retested on February 28 and the advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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