

NEWS RELEASE

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**Beach Advisories Issued for St. Andrews and Clam Creek Beaches on Jekyll Island
and South Beach at the Lighthouse on St. Simons Island**

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – 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 have been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department.

The advisories are only for the area(s) specified above and do not impact any other beaches on the islands. This beach water advisory is to alert the public of a possible risk of illness associated with water contact but does not mean the beach is closed.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken April 8, 2014 at these 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 area(s) 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 and the advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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