



## Coastal Health District

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### **Beach Advisory Issued for Polk Street Beach on Tybee Island**

**CHATHAM COUNTY, GA** – The Chatham County Health Department has issued an advisory for Polk Street Beach (the northern most part of Tybee Island at the mouth of the Savannah River from the end of the beach to the jetty) on Tybee Island. The advisory is only for the area(s) specified above and does not impact any other beaches on the island. 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.

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The Chatham 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 this area 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 advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

For more information about beach water advisories, go to [www.gachd.org](http://www.gachd.org) and click on the Environmental Health tab at the top of the page.

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