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Beach Advisories Lifted on St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the bacteria-related beach water advisories on St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island.

Advisories have been lifted for:

- East Beach at the Old Coast Guard Station (Tenth Street to Driftwood Drive) on St. Simons Island,
- Massengale Park Beach (Driftwood Drive to Cedar Street) on St. Simons Island, and
- North Beach at Dexter Lane (Tallu Fish Lane to Brice Lane) on Jekyll Island.

The advisories were issued on September 9, 2020 after routine water quality tests showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

Subsequent water samples showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisories have been lifted.

For more information about beach water testing, go to <u>GaCHD.org</u> and click on the Environmental Health tab at the top of the page.

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