

NEWS RELEASE

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Post-Irma Beach Water Testing Update

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – Beach water testing has continued following a brief hiatus during Hurricane Irma. The following areas were tested recently and have shown results within normal limits. Therefore, advisories have been lifted for:

- North Beach at Dexter Lane (from the old North picnic area to Brice Lane) on Jekyll Island
- Skidaway Narrows (Butterbean Beach) in Chatham County
- Sea Island North and Sea Island South

The following areas have not yet been tested. Therefore, the Coastal Health District recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in these areas:

- Contentment Bluff Sandbar and Dallas Bluff Sandbar in McIntosh County
- Reimolds Pasture and Blythe Island Sandbar in Glynn County

Fish and other seafood caught from those 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 results will be shared once that happens.

Testing is performed for elevated levels of enterococcus (pronounced: en-ter-o-coc-cus), bacteria which is found in warm blooded animals including humans but also birds, raccoons, deer, dolphins and other wildlife.

For more information about beach water testing, go to www.gachd.org and click on the Environmental Health tab at the top of the page.

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