

NEWS RELEASE
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Beach Advisories Issued for 4 St. Simons Island & 2 Jekyll Island Beaches; Advisory Lifted for Jekyll Island North Beach

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has issued the following beach advisories:

St. Simons Island:

- East Beach at Old Coast Guard Station (Tenth St. to Driftwood Dr.)
- Massengale Park Beach (Driftwood Dr. to Cedar St.)
- Fifth Street Crossover Beach (Cedar St. to Ninth St.)
- South Beach at the Lighthouse (Ninth St. to the Pier)

Jekyll Island:

- Middle Beach at the Convention Center (Beach Pavilion to Corsair Beach Park)
- South Dunes Picnic Area Beach (Corsair Beach Park to South Water Tower)

Meanwhile, the previous beach water advisory for Jekyll Island's North Beach at Dexter Lane (Tallu Fish Ln. to Brice Ln.) has been **lifted** based on results from recent water tests.

The Department of Natural Resources - Coastal Resources Division tests water samples on St. Simons and Jekyll Islands every week throughout the year. The tests screen for enterococcus (pronounced: en-ter-o-coc-cus) bacteria, which are found in humans and some wildlife. The testing program is not related to the capsized motor vehicle carrier in St. Simons Sound.

When a beach is under advisory, it means the level of bacteria found in the water is above the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recommended standards. This does NOT mean the beach is closed.



These beach water advisories alert the public of a possible risk of illness associated with water contact in the advisory areas. The 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 are being re-tested this week, and the advisories will be lifted when the bacteria levels meet the EPA's recommended standards. For more information about beach water testing, go to GaCHD.org and click on the Environmental Health tab at the top of the page.

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