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Beach Advisory Update for St. Simons Island

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted three of the four beach water advisories on St. Simons Island. The advisories were issued on December 21, 2021, 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 the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency’s recommended limits at three of the four beaches.

Therefore, the advisories have been **LIFTED** for:

- North Beach at Goulds Inlet – Fifteenth St. to Tenth St.
- East Beach Old Coast Guard Station – Tenth St. to Driftwood Dr.
- Massengale Park Beach – Driftwood Dr. to Cedar St.

The advisory will remain in place for:

- South Beach at the Lighthouse – Ninth St. to the Pier

The area will be re-tested, and the advisory lifted when the bacteria levels meet the EPA’s recommended standards. Meanwhile, the advisory does NOT mean the beach is closed. 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.

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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