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Beach Advisory Update for Glynn County *Advisory Lifted on Jekyll Island; Advisory Remains on St. Simons Island*

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The Glynn County Health Department has lifted the beach water advisory for Capt. Wylly Rd. Crossover Beach on Jekyll Island. The advisory was issued on April 27, 2021, but subsequent water samples show the bacteria levels have dropped below Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted.

A beach water advisory remains in place for Massengale Park Beach on St. Simons Island, which extends from Driftwood Drive to Cedar Street. The bacteria levels at this beach location still exceed recommended limits. The water will be re-sampled and re-tested next week.

The Department of Natural Resources - Coastal Resources Division tests water samples on St. Simons and Jekyll Islands 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 EPA’s recommended standards. This does NOT mean the beach is closed.

A beach water advisory alerts 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 an area 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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