

NEWS RELEASE

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TYBEE ISLAND, GA— The Chatham County Health Department has lifted the swimming advisory for the Polk Street area of Tybee Island. The Polk Street area is on the northernmost part of Tybee Island at the mouth of the Savannah River from the end of the beach to the jetty. The advisory was issued December 5th after a routine water quality test showed a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

However, a water sample taken December 6th showed that the bacteria level had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory has been lifted, and there are no Chatham County beaches currently under advisory.

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