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Health Department Issues 3 Swimming Advisories

GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has placed 3 beaches under advisory because of elevated bacteria levels. Routine water quality tests from samples taken October 23rd show the beach water in 1 St. Simons and 2 Jekyll Island locations contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

On St. Simons Island, the advisory is for North Beach at Goulds Inlet, which is from 15th to 10th streets. On Jekyll Island, Clam Creek Beach and St. Andrews Beach are under advisory. The Clam Creek Beach area is from Clam Creek to the Old North picnic area, and the St. Andrews Beach area is from Macy Lane to the St. Andrews picnic area on Jekyll Island.

Advisory signs are posted. The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in these areas. Fish and other seafood caught from these areas should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

All 3 beach areas will be retested today, and results should be available tomorrow. The advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard. All other beach areas in Glynn County tested at acceptable levels.

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