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## Health Department Issues Swimming Advisories

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA**— The Glynn County Health Department has placed 2 St. Simons Island beaches under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken March 20<sup>th</sup> show the beach water in the North Beach at Goulds Inlet area and the South Beach/Lighthouse area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increases the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The North Beach at Goulds Inlet area is from 15<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> streets. The South Beach/Lighthouse area is from 9<sup>th</sup> street to the pier. 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.

The 2 beach areas will be retested March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and results should be available the next day. 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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