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GLYNN COUNTY, GA— The Glynn County Health Department has placed St. Andrews Beach on Jekyll Island under advisory. Routine water quality tests from samples taken May 8th show the beach water in this area contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

The St. Andrews Beach area is from Macy Lane to the St. Andrews picnic area. Advisory signs are posted. The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in this area. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The St. Andrews Beach area will be retested May 10th, and results should be available the next day. The advisory 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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