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Health Department Issues Swimming Advisories

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to the St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island and South Beach (from 9th Street to the pier) on St. Simons Island have been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department. Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the Old North picnic area) on Jekyll Island also remains under advisory.

Routine water quality tests show the beach water in these areas contains a high level of enterococci bacteria, which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

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 areas will be retested and the advisories will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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