

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **Health Department Issues Advisory for Blythe Island Sandbar**

**GLYNN COUNTY, GA** – The Glynn County Health Department has placed the Blythe Island Sandbar (from South Brunswick River at Hwy. 303 Bridge to Blythe Island Regional Park) has been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken May 18 show the beach water in this area 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 this area. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating.

The Blythe Island Sandbar will be retested and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standard.

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