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> Jekyll St. Andrews Still Under Advisory St. Simons South Beach Placed Under Advisory Clam Creek Beach Advisory Removed

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island is still under advisory and South Beach at the Lighthouse (from 9th Street to the pier) on St. Simons has been placed under advisory by the Glynn County Health Department. The advisory for Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the old north picnic area) on Jekyll Island has been lifted.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken December 27 at both St. Andrews Beach on Jekyll and South Beach on St. Simons showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers.

Water samples taken at Clam Creek Beach on Jekyll showed that the bacteria levels had dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory for that area has been lifted.

The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in the areas under advisory. 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 standards.

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