

NEWS RELEASE

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Jekyll Clam Creek Beach Advisory Lifted; St. Andrews Beach Advisory Remains

GLYNN COUNTY, GA – The advisory for Clam Creek Beach (from Clam Creek to the old north picnic area) on Jekyll Island has been lifted by the Glynn County Health Department. The advisory for St. Andrews Beach (from Macy Lane to the St. Andrews picnic area) on Jekyll Island remains in place. The advisory is only for the area specified above and does not impact any other beaches on the island. Beach water advisories are to alert the public of a possible risk of illness associated with water contact but do not mean the beaches is closed.

Routine water quality tests from samples taken Aug. 30 at both locations showed a high level of enterococci bacteria which increase the risk of gastrointestinal illness in swimmers. Subsequent water samples taken at Clam Creek Beach show the bacteria levels have dropped below Environmental Protection Agency's recommended limits. Therefore, the advisory for that beach has been lifted.

The Glynn County Health Department recommends you do not swim or wade in the water in the area under advisory. Fish and other seafood caught from this area should be thoroughly washed with fresh water and thoroughly cooked before eating as should fish or seafood caught from any waters.

The area will be retested on Sept. 4 and the advisory will be lifted when tests show the bacteria levels meet the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended standards.

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