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DOH-COLLIER ISSUES ADVISORY FOR SOME AREA BEACHES



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Naples, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) has posted **HEALTH ADVISORIES** for **Wiggins Pass, Naples Pier, Residents Beach, South Marco Beach, Park Shore, Barefoot Beach, Vanderbilt Beach, and Seagate Beach** after recent sampling showed bacteria levels in the water to be greater than 71 colonies per 100 milliliters of marine water, putting these beaches in the **poor** range.

Causes of the elevated level that prompted the advisory are unknown, but are generally associated with wildlife, heavy recreational usage, runoff following heavy rains, and high surf from high winds and high tides. DOH-Collier always encourages rinsing with fresh water after swimming in any natural body of water, and avoid swallowing any water while swimming.

NOTE: Resampling date is dependent on weather/surf conditions due to Hurricane Michael.

DOH-Collier staff sample 12 points from Marco Island to Barefoot Beach and test for Enterococci bacteria, as recommended by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA. Samples are laboratory tested for concentrations and a value assigned to indicate poor, moderate, or good ranges.

Date	Name	City	Result	Status
10/10/2018	Wiggins Pass	Naples	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD
10/10/2018	Vanderbilt Beach	Naples	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD
10/10/2018	Park Shore	Naples	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD
10/10/2018	Doctor's Pass	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
10/10/2018	Lowdermilk Park	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
10/10/2018	Naples Pier	Naples	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD
10/10/2018	Hideaway Beach	Marco Island	Good	Satisfactory
10/10/2018	Tigertail Beach	Marco Island	Good	Satisfactory
10/10/2018	Residents Beach	Marco Island	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD
10/10/2018	South Marco Beach	Marco Island	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD
10/10/2018	Barefoot Beach	Naples	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD
10/10/2018	Seagate	Naples	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD

United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) recommended criteria for enterococci is:

Good = 0-35 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water

Moderate = 36-70 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water

Poor = 71 or greater Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water

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