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DOH-COLLIER ISSUES ADVISORY FOR TIGERTAIL BEACH



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Naples, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) has posted a **HEALTH ADVISORY** for **Tigertail 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.

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
2/7/2019	Wiggins Pass	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Vanderbilt Beach	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Park Shore	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Doctor's Pass	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Lowdermilk Park	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Naples Pier	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Hideaway Beach	Marco Island	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Tigertail Beach	Marco Island	Poor	Advisory Posted; Resample TBD
2/7/2019	Residents Beach	Marco Island	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	South Marco Beach	Marco Island	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Barefoot Beach	Naples	Good	Satisfactory
2/7/2019	Seagate	Naples	Good	Satisfactory

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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