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## **UPDATE: HEALTH ADVISORY FOR BACTERIA LEVELS**

**\*\*\*\*Beaches and North Fork of the St. Lucie River\*\*\*\***

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**St. Lucie, County** – The Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County has a swimming advisory for the following beaches and river locations:

- South Beach Causeway
- JC Park Beach
- Veterans Park – North Fork of the St. Lucie River

The new sample results found higher than normal levels of enteric bacteria. Potential health risks for those who ingest or come in contact with the water include upset stomach, diarrhea, eye irritation and skin rashes.

The department has lifted the swimming advisory for:

- Jetty Park Beach

These sample results are in the acceptable range for enteric bacteria.

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County will continue to perform additional testing until results are satisfactory. Samples were collected October 2, 2017. Sampling is scheduled for Monday October 9, 2017 and at the results will be available Wednesday October 11, 2017.

For results of all St. Lucie County beaches sampled, visit the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County website at: [www.stluciecountyhealth.com](http://www.stluciecountyhealth.com) click on Environmental Health, then select Healthy Beaches Program, then select Florida Healthy Beaches Website.

For more information, please contact St. Lucie's Environmental Health Division at 772-873-4931.

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