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Sarasota area 'no swim' advisory lifted at Venice Public Beach

SARASOTA COUNTY — A "no swim" advisory for Venice Beach has been lifted this afternoon. The advisory, announced Thursday, June 26, was lifted by the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County after officials received testing results today. The results were at a satisfactory level meeting

both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state recreational water standards. Residents and visitors may return to swimming and other water sports at this beach site. The "no swim" advisory signage will be removed.

The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County monitors water quality weekly at 16 sites along Sarasota's 34 miles of beaches. The intent of this program is to provide county residents and visitors with accurate, up-to-date information on the water quality at our beaches. Click here for beach water testing results.

When making beach day plans, be sure to check the latest reports on beach conditions.

For more information:

- Visit https://OurGulfEnvironment.scgov.net and click on water monitoring and then bacterial testing to check beach water testing results of area Gulf beaches.
- Call 941-BEACHES (941-232-2437) or visit www.mote.org/beaches. Click on the same link to the mobile-friendly version of the beach conditions report.
- Visit Sarasota County also provides extensive information about Sarasota, including its beaches. The website is www.visitsarasota.org.

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