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Sarasota beach water advisory remains in effect for Venice Public Beach

The Venice Public Beach remains under a beach water advisory. Sarasota County Health Department officials received testing results from samples taken Wednesday, March 2, that still show an elevated level of enterococcus bacteria. Signage will remain in place until follow-up water testing results are satisfactory.

The Health Department plans to conduct follow-up water sampling on Monday, March 7; results are expected by Tuesday afternoon, March 8.

Officials note there are more than two miles of beaches in Venice that are not under an advisory so people do not have to go out of town to enjoy a day a at the beach. Venice beaches currently open include: Brohard, Paw Park, Caspersen, Service Club Park, as well as the areas south and north of the public beach.

Sarasota County Health Department 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 the county's beaches. Click here for beach water testing results.

Residents and visitors can visit www.OurGulfEnvironment.net and click on water monitoring and then bacterial testing to check beach water testing results of area Gulf beaches, or call the Sarasota County Health Department's Environmental Health office at 941-861-6133.

MEDIA NOTE: There will not be any additional news releases issued until the advisory is lifted.