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Sarasota beach water advisory resumes at Venice Public Beach

A beach water advisory has been re-issued for Venice Public Beach. Sarasota County Health Department officials received testing results from samples taken yesterday, Monday, March 21 that 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 tomorrow, Wednesday, March 23.

The Health Department continues to work with city, county, and state officials to identify potential sources of this bacteria. Limited sampling utilizing DNA techniques failed to identify specific human or animal sources. Health officials are continuing their investigation.

Officials note there are more than two miles of beaches in Venice that are not under an advisory so people can still enjoy a day at the beach. Venice beaches currently open for enjoyment include: Brohard Park, Paw Park, Caspersen Beach, 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 our 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.

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