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## **Sarasota beach water advisory lifted for Turtle Beach; advisory remains in effect for Venice Public Beach**

The Sarasota County Health Department has lifted the beach water advisory at Turtle Beach after receiving laboratory test results this afternoon from beach water testing conducted yesterday, Monday, Feb. 28. Water quality at this location now meets 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 Venice Public Beach is still under a precautionary beach water health advisory. The health department will conduct follow-up water sampling tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2 with testing results available on Thursday afternoon. Signage will remain in place until follow-up water testing results are satisfactory.

The 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](http://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.

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