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**\*\*\*HEALTH ADVISORY FOR BACTERIA LEVELS\*\*\***

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

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

- Westmoreland Tract Canoe Launch – North Fork of the St. Lucie River
- River Park Marina – North Fork of the St. Lucie River

Enteric bacteria inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals and their presence in recreational waters is an indication of fecal pollution. Their presence may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife and human sewage.

The department has lifted the swimming advisory for:

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

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

Samples were collected Monday, October 16, 2017. Next sampling is scheduled for Monday October 30, 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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