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NEW UPDATED: HEALTH ADVISORY FOR BACTERIA LEVELS

******Beaches and North Fork of the St. Lucie River******

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St. Lucie, County – The Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County will continue a swimming advisory for the following beaches:

- South Beach Causeway
- Jetty Park Beach

The new sample results found higher than normal levels of enteric bacteria. Potential health risks for those who ingest or come in contact with the water include upset stomach, diarrhea, eye irritation and skin rashes.

The department has lifted the swimming advisory for:

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

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

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County will continue to perform additional testing until results are satisfactory. The most recent samples were collected September 26, and 28, 2017. Beach and river sampling is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 and the results will be available Wednesday, October 4, 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 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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