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HEALTH ADVISORY FOR BACTERIA LEVELS *** Jaycee Park on South Hutchinson Island ***



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St. Lucie, County – Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County (DOH-St. Lucie) is issuing a swimming advisory for Jaycee Park on South Hutchinson Island. The 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. Swimming in the waters is not recommended due to an increased risk of illness at this time.

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County will continue the advisory until results are satisfactory. Samples were collected Tuesday May 26, 2020 and Thursday May 28, 2020. Beach sampling is scheduled for Monday June 1, 2020 and the results will be available Thursday June 4, 2020.

For results of St. Lucie County beach and river samples, visit the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County website at: http://stlucie.floridahealth.gov/ and click on Environmental Health. For beach samples select Healthy Beaches Program, then select Florida Healthy Beaches website.

For more information, please contact the environmental health division at 772-873-4931.

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