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## \*\*\*HEALTH ADVISORY FOR BACTERIA LEVELS LIFTED\*\*\* \*\*\* South Causeway Park on South Hutchinson Island\*\*\*



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**St. Lucie, County** – Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County has lifted the swimming advisory at South Causeway Park on South Hutchinson Island. A new sample was taken on Monday, August 26, 2019, and test results returned today were satisfactory.

The advisory was issued because the level of enteric bacteria exceeded the standard set by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in samples collected last week.

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County, Environmental Health Division, has been conducting saltwater beach water quality monitoring since July 2000, through the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program. The Health Department monitors 6 sites, every other week. The water samples are analyzed for enterococci bacteria.

For results of St. Lucie County beach and river samples, visit the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County website at: <a href="http://stlucie.floridahealth.gov/">http://stlucie.floridahealth.gov/</a> and click on Environmental Health. For beach samples select Healthy Beaches Program, then select Florida Healthy Beaches website. For river samples select North Fork Bacteria Testing, then select North Fork-St. Lucie River Sample Results.

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

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