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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Date:** August 31, 2010

### **BEACH ADVISORIES**

#### **Health Department [Continues](#) Advisory for Cape Coral Yacht Club Beach**

#### **Health Department [Rescinds](#) Advisory for Gasparilla State Park/Seagrape Beach on Boca Grande**

Tests completed on August 31, 2010, indicate that the beach water quality at Cape Coral Yacht Club Beach does not meet the criteria for enterococcus bacteria recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This indicates that water contact may pose an increased risk of disease, particularly for susceptible individuals.

- **We recommend not swimming at Cape Coral Yacht Club Beach.**
- **Test results from other popular beaches in Lee County are satisfactory.**

**This advisory will continue until bacteria levels are below the accepted EPA level.** New test results should be available by 3:30 PM on September 1, 2010. For more information, please view our internet website at [www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us) and select Beach Water Quality from the pull down menu, or contact the Lee County Health Department, Environmental Engineering at (239) 274-2200.

Testing at Gasparilla State Park/Seagrape Beach completed on August 31, 2010, indicate that the concentration of bacteria at this beach has returned to acceptable levels.

- **We rescind the health advisory for Gasparilla State Park/Seagrape Beach on Boca Grande. The beach is considered safe for swimming with respect to bacteria.**

Enterococcus bacteria normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of an elevated concentration of enterococcus is an indicator of pollution, which may come from stormwater runoff, pets and wildlife, or sewage. Elevated levels of Enterococcus bacteria have been associated with an increased risk of swimming-associated gastroenteritis illness (diarrhea and abdominal pain).

Lee County Health Department monitors the quality of water at 13 beaches throughout Lee County on a weekly basis.

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