

Beach Advisory

Fort Myers, FL— The Lee County Health Department is lifting its advisories on Bowditch, Lynn Hall and Bonita Park beaches. Water samples taken on Monday, August 15, 2011, indicate enterococcus and coliform bacteria concentrations at these beaches have returned to safe levels for swimming.

A total of 18 beach locations were tested, and none were found to have bacteria contents over the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standard. The town of Fort Myers Beach requested the five additional public beach access waters samples that were tested this week over the standard 13.

Enterococcus and coliform bacteria normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of an elevated concentration of these bacteria is an indicator of pollution, which may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife, or sewage.

The next routine beach water sampling of 13 public beaches will be taken on Monday, August 22, 2011, with results available 24 hours later.

For more information, please view the internet website at www.leechd.gov select Services, Environmental Health, and then Healthy Beaches, or call the Lee County Health Department at (239) 274-2200 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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