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PASCO COUNTY SALTWATER BEACH MONITORING RESULTS

New Port Richey - The Florida Department of Health in Pasco County conducts saltwater beach testing through the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program. The water samples are being analyzed for enterococci enteric bacteria that normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals, and which may cause human disease, infections, or rashes. The presence of enteric bacteria is an indication of fecal pollution, which may come from storm water runoff, pets and wildlife, and human sewage. The purpose of the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program is to determine whether Florida has significant coastal beach water quality problems. Water quality categorizations are based upon the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA's) recommended standard for enterococci of no more than 104 colony forming units per 100 milliliters of marine water.

Sampling Date:

06/19/2017

An advisory remains in effect for Robert J. Strickland Beach. An advisory is issued for Robert K. Rees Park Beach, Gulf Harbors Beach, and Anclote River Park Beach based on the marine water bacterial indicator that has been recommended by the EPA. The advisory for Brasher Park Beach has been lifted since 06/19/2017. Next expected sampling date is 06/27/2017.

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Department of Health in Pasco County's, Environmental Health Services division at (727) 841-4425, option 5, or visit the Department of Health's Internet Beach Water Quality website (www.floridahealth.gov), and click on the "Environmental Health" Section and click 'Beach Water Quality.'

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