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HEALTH ADVISORY CANCELLED

PHIL FOSTER PARK



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Palm Beach County, FL—Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County has **cancelled a HEALTH ADVISORY** for **Phil Foster Park** after resampling showed bacterial levels in the water to be at 10 colonies per 100 milliliters of marine water putting it in the **GOOD** range.

Causes of the elevated level that prompted the advisory are unknown but are generally associated with wildlife, heavy recreational usage, high surf and high tides or runoff following heavy rains. The DOH-Palm Beach always encourages rinsing with fresh water after swimming in any natural body of water.

Health department staff samples the beach waters at 13 locations from Boca Raton to Jupiter for enterococci as recommended by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA. The samples are laboratory tested for concentrations and a value assigned to indicate poor, moderate or good ranges.

Beach water quality for Palm Beach County and throughout the state can be found at www.flhealthpalmbeach.org and click on "beach water quality".

*A Poor rating may result in a resampling event to confirm poor conditions; otherwise a Health Advisory will be issued immediately. These indicate that contact with the water at this site may pose increased risk of infectious disease, particularly for susceptible individuals.

United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) recommended criteria for enterococci:

Good = 0-35 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water,

Moderate = 36-70 Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water

Poor = 71 or greater Enterococci per 100 milliliters of marine water