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# HEALTH ADVISORY LAKE WORTH BEACH CANCELED FOR DUBOIS PARK LAGOON



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**Palm Beach County, FL—Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County has CANCELED THE HEALTH ADVISORY for Dubois Park Lagoon after resampling showed the waters in the good range. The Health Advisory for Lake Worth Beach remains in effect as its resampling showed an increase from 190 colonies per 100 mL of marine water to 531 colonies per 100 mL, well in excess of 71 colonies per 100 milliliters of marine water that put the beach in the POOR range Tuesday.**

Causes of the elevated level that prompted the advisory are unknown but are generally associated with wildlife, heavy recreational usage, **high surf from high winds 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](http://www.flhealthpalmbeach.org) and click on "beach water quality".

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\*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

### Beach Action Values (BAV) Enterococcus Results Description

Date of Sample 5-14-2018--/resample 5-16-2018

Site	Name	City	Enterococci	Water Quality	Status
1	Dubois Park	Jupiter	910//10	GOOD	CANCELED-ADV
2	Jupiter Beach Park	Jupiter	60	Moderate	Satisfactory
3	Carlin Park	Jupiter	10	Good	Satisfactory
4	Riviera Beach	Riviera Bch	50	Moderate	Satisfactory
5	Phil Foster	Riviera Bch	30	Good	Satisfactory
7	Palm Beach	Palm Beach	70	Moderate	Satisfactory
8	Lake Worth-Kreusler	Lake Worth	190//531	POOR	ADVISORY CONTINUES
9	Ocean Inlet Park	Ocean Ridge	20	Good	Satisfactory
10	Boynton Beach	Ocean Ridge	<10	Good	Satisfactory
12	Sandoway-Delray Bch	Delray Bch	30	Good	Satisfactory
13	Spanish River	Boca Raton	40	Moderate	Satisfactory
14	South Inlet Park	Boca Raton	20	Good	Satisfactory
15	Lantana Beach	Lantana	<10	Good	Satisfactory

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

**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

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