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HEALTH ADVISORY LIFTED FOR SANDSPRIT PARK IN STUART

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Martin County, FL – The advisory for Sandsprit Park in Stuart has been lifted following a series of samples showing bacterial levels have returned to the acceptable range.

An advisory does remain in effect for the Stuart Causeway.

Enteric bacteria inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals and their presence in recreational waters is an indication of fecal pollution. The presence of these bacteria may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife and human sewage.

Potential health risks for those who ingest or come in contact with the water include upset stomach, diarrhea, eye irritation and skin rashes.

The advisory for the Stuart Causeway will remain in effect until results show consistent readings in the acceptable range. The area will be tested again on Monday, December 11.

The Florida Department of Health in Martin County conducts weekly water sampling at four sites along the St. Lucie River including the Roosevelt Bridge, Sandsprit Park, Leighton Park and the Stuart Sandbar.

Martin County beach sites are sampled every other week.

River and beach water sample results can be viewed at:
http://martin.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/environmental-health/beach-and-river-sampling/results/index.html

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