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# BACTERIA ADVISORY LIFTED

*Waters near Leighton Park in Palm City test in acceptable range*

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**Martin County, FL –** The bacteria advisory for the waters near Leighton Park in Palm City has been lifted following a series of samples in the acceptable range. The areas will be tested again on Monday, September 23.

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.

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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