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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued water contact advisories Saturday for six sampling stations.

These segments of beach are not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in these areas.

MDEQ is working closely with local officials to advise residents that the water in the following locations may have high bacteria levels:

- ▶ ***Station 2 -- Buccaneer State Park Beach -- from 100 yards west of sign eastward to 100 yards east of sign.***
- ▶ ***Station 3 -- Waveland Beach -- from Oak Boulevard to Favre Street.***
- ▶ ***Station 4 -- Bay St. Louis Beach -- from the Box Culvert eastward to Ballantine Street.***
- ▶ ***Station 5 -- Pass Christian West Beach -- Fort Henry Avenue to Elliot Street.***
- ▶ ***Station 9 -- Gulfport Harbor Beach -- from 20th eastward to Thornton Avenue.***

► *Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach -- from Alfonso Drive to Arkansas Avenue.*

When water samples show that levels are safe for human contact, the advisories will be lifted. Swimmers are reminded that the Beach Task Force has a standing recommendation that swimming not occur during or within 24 hours of a significant rainfall event.

More information about the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program and the status of beach advisories is available at: <http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/beaches>.

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