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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted water contact advisories Sunday for sampling stations 4 and 10. Advisories remain in effect for stations 1, 2, 7, 7A, 8, 9, and 13A.

The advisories are lifted for:

- ▶ **Station 4 -- Bay St. Louis Beach -- near St. Charles St. -- from the Box Culvert east to Ballantine St.**
- ▶ **Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach -- from Alfonso Dr. east to Arkansas Ave.**

Advisories are still in effect for:

- ▶ **Station 1 -- Lakeshore Beach -- near Lakeshore Dr., Bay St. Louis -- the extent is from the Silver Slipper Casino east to Poinset.**
- ▶ **Station 2 -- Buccaneer State Park Beach -- near State Park Road, Waveland -- from 100 yards west of sign east to 100 yards east of sign.**

▶ **Station 7 -- Pass Christian East Beach -- near Shadow Lawn Avenue -- from Espy Ave. east to Hayden Ave.**

▶ **Station 7A -- Long Beach Beach -- from Oak Gardens east to Girard.**

▶ **Station 8 -- Gulfport West Beach -- from Marie Ave. east to Camp Ave.**

▶ **Station 9 -- Gulfport Harbor Beach -- from 20th Ave. east to Thornton Ave.**

▶ **Station 13A -- Biloxi East Beach -- near Holley St. -- from Dukate east to Kuhn St.**

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

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>. A list of Frequently Asked Questions about the program can be found at: <http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/beaches/moreinfo.html>.

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