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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a water contact advisory Friday for sampling station 7A. An advisory remains in effect for station 11 in Gulfport and also a closure in Biloxi.

The advisory is lifted for:

► **Station 7A -- Long Beach Beach -- the extent is from Oak Gardens east to Girard.**

The advisory remains in effect for:

► **Station 11 – Gulfport East Beach -- the extent is from Tegarden Rd. east to Anniston Ave.**

A preemptive beach closure issued December 15 for a section of beach in Biloxi remains in effect:

► **From the eastern barrier of the old Broadwater Hotel marina in front of Southern Memorial Park east to Ocean Club Boulevard.** More information on that closure can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/2hE4wCJ>.

When water samples show that levels are safe for human contact, the advisory and the closure 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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