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BEACH ADVISORY REMOVED

North Shore Park tests below unsafe level



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Lee County, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH-Lee) is removing its advisory about high bacteria levels at North Shore Park. Tests completed today for Enterococcus bacteria in water samples taken September 8, 2016 showed safe levels for swimming and wading.

North Shore Park, 13001 N. Cleveland Ave., North Fort Myers is located at the foot of the US 41 bridge and used primarily by boaters and anglers.

Enterococcus bacteria normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of an elevated concentration of these bacteria is an indicator of pollution, which may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife or sewage.

Elevated levels of Enterococcus bacteria have been associated with an increased risk of swimming-associated gastroenteritis illness (diarrhea and abdominal pain).

For more information call (239) 274-2200 or go to <http://lee.floridahealth.gov/>.

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