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**BEACH ADVISORY**
*Bonita Beach Park, tests high for bacteria*

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**Lee County, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH-Lee) is advising the public not to enter the water at Bonita Beach Park due to high levels of bacteria identified in routine testing. This beach park is located at 27954 Hickory Boulevard, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

Tests completed July 14, 2022, indicate that the water quality at Bonita Beach Park does not meet the recreational water quality criteria for *Enterococcus* bacteria recommended by the Florida Department of Health. Water contact may pose an increased risk of disease, particularly for susceptible individuals.

- No wading or swimming at Bonita Beach Park, is recommended.

*Enterococcus* bacteria normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of an elevated concentration of these bacteria is an indicator of possible 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).

This advisory will continue until bacteria levels are below the accepted health level. New test results should be available for Bonita Beach Park on Tuesday, July 19th.

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