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DOH-Hillsborough Issues Water Quality Health Advisory

Advisory Issued for Ben T Davis and Picnic Island Beaches



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Hillsborough County, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County (DOH-Hillsborough) has issued a water quality advisory for the following locations:

Ben T Davis Beach
7650 W Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607

Picnic Island
7404 Picnic Island Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33616

Tests completed on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, indicate that the water quality at Ben T Davis and Picnic Island beaches does not meet the recreational water quality criteria for *Enterococcus* bacteria recommended by the Florida Department of Health.

DOH-Hillsborough advises against any water-related activities at this location due to an increased risk of illness in swimmers. Sampling conducted during regular water quality monitoring showed that the level of bacteria exceeds the level established by state guidelines.

This advisory will continue until bacteria levels are below the accepted health level. Test results are available at FloridaHealth.gov/HealthyBeaches.

For more information call 813-559-4065 or visit Hillsborough.FloridaHealth.gov.

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