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DOH-Hillsborough Issues Water Quality Health Advisory

Advisory Issued for Davis Island 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:

> Davis Island Beach 900 Martinique Ave., Tampa, FL 33606

Picnic Island Beach 7404 Picnic Island Beach Blvd., Tampa, FL 33616

Tests completed on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, indicate that the water quality at Davis Island and Picnic Island beaches do 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 <u>FloridaHealth.gov/HealthyBeaches</u>.

For more information call 813-559-4065 or visit <u>Hillsborough.FloridaHealth.gov</u>.

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