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DOH-Hillsborough Issues Water Quality Health Advisory

Advisory Issued for Ben T. Davis, Cypress Point, 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 Cypress Point Beach 5620 W Cypress St. Tampa, FL 33607 Picnic Island Beach 7404 Picnic Island Beach Blvd. Tampa, FL 33616

Tests completed on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, indicate that the water quality at Ben T. Davis, Cypress Point, 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 FloridaHealth.gov/HealthyBeaches.

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

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