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DOH-Hillsborough Issues Water Quality Health Advisory

Advisory Issued for Bahia Beach



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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 location:

Bahia Beach 2513 W Shell Point Road, Ruskin, FL 33570

Tests completed on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, indicate that the water quality at Bahia Beach 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. Florida Health.gov.

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