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## DOH-PINELLAS LIFTS ADVISORIES AT FOUR BEACHES

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The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas (DOH-Pinellas) has lifted its advisory for the water at the following beaches based on the marine water bacterial indicator recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

- Honeymoon Island State Park
- Sand Key County Park
- Indian Rocks County Access, 1700 Gulf Blvd.
- Redington Shores County Access at 182nd Ave., W.

DOH-Pinellas conducts saltwater beach testing through the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program. Water samples are analyzed for enteric bacteria (enterococci), that normally inhabit the intestinal tracts of humans and animals, and which may cause human disease, infections or rashes.

The presence of enteric bacteria is an indication of fecal pollution, which may come from storm water run-off, pets, wildlife and sewage. The purpose of the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program is to determine whether Florida has significant beach water quality problems.

These are the results of water tests conducted on Sept. 6:

|                  | <b>ENTEROCOCCI</b><br>CFU per 100 ml* | <b>ENTEROCOCCI</b><br>Water Quality* |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Honeymoon Island | 4U undetectable                       | Good                                 |
| Sand Key Park    | 4U undetectable                       | Good                                 |
| Indian Rocks     | 4U undetectable                       | Good                                 |
| Redington Shores | 4U undetectable                       | Good                                 |

The next routine sampling event will be Sept. 12.

Water quality classifications are based on the EPA's standard for enterococci of no more than 70 colony forming units per 100 milliliters of marine water. For more information about the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program, visit [floridahealth.gov](http://floridahealth.gov). Select *Environmental Health* and then *Beach Water Quality*.

For information about DOH-Pinellas, go to [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com). Follow us on Twitter @HealthyPinellas.

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