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Sarasota Beach Update: Advisory remains posted for the Venice Fishing Pier Beach

The Sarasota County Health Department monitors water quality weekly at 16 sites along Sarasota's 34 miles of beaches. The intent of this program is to provide our residents and visitors accurate, up-to-date information on the water quality at our beaches. Results of this monitoring program are posted on line at www.OurGulfEnvironment.net

Bacteria Monitoring Results:

- **Current Warnings/Advisories:** Water quality at the Venice Fishing Pier beach does not meet current health standards for recreational waters.
- The Sarasota County Health Department continues to detect elevated levels of Enterococcus (bacteria) at the Venice Fishing Pier Beach. Precautionary signs remain posted, advising people not to swim or engage in water sports. The Health Department will conduct follow-up water sampling.
- No other beach areas in Sarasota County are affected by this advisory.
- Residents and visitors can go www.OurGulfEnvironment.net to check beach water testing results of area gulf beaches or call the Sarasota County Health Department's Environmental Health office at 941-861-6133.

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