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Sarasota Beach water advisory information – Ringling Causeway beach area affected

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:** Routine water sampling conducted on Monday shows that the water quality at the Ringling Causeway shows that it does not meet current health standards for recreational waters.
- The Sarasota County Health Department has detected elevated levels of fecal coliform and enterococcus (bacteria) at the Ringling Causeway. Precautionary signs have been posted, advising people not to swim or engage in water sports. The Health Department will conduct follow-up water sampling. Notifications will be issued when water quality results return to normal.
- 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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