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## **Sarasota Beach Update: Beach water advisory lifted for Ringling Causeway 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](http://www.OurGulfEnvironment.net)

### **Bacteria Monitoring Results:**

- **Current Warnings/Advisories: None. All meet current health standards for recreational waters.**
- **The advisory has been lifted at Ringling Causeway beach.** Water quality at this location now meets both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State recreational water standards. People may return to swimming and other water sports at this beach site.
- No other beach areas in Sarasota County are affected by this advisory.
- Residents and visitors can go [www.OurGulfEnvironment.net](http://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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