

WATER QUALITY

HEALTH ADVISORIES – FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Enterococcus bacteria are associated with the digestive systems of birds and mammals. Their presence in the environment indicates the presence of bird or mammal feces. Detection of *Enterococcus* in water sources is used as a proxy for possible human waste and health concerns. Health advisories are issued to marine waterways by the Department of Health following US EPA protocols if the level of *Enterococcus* is above 71 colonies/100ml of sample. We post the weekly reports below and provide quarterly updates.

JULY 27, 2026

NO HEALTH ADVISORIES ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

Baby Beach (Pensacola Beach) –
Bayou Texar – Moderate
Big Lagoon State Park –
Big Lagoon State Park East – Good
Bruce Beach – Good
Casino Beach –
Ft. Pickens –
Johnson's Beach –
Navy Point/Gibbs Point –
Opal Beach –
Park East –
Park West Gulfside –
Park West Soundside – **POOR; ADVISORY** - Re-test Jul 29 – Good
Perdido Key Beach Access 3 –
Perdido Key Beach Access 4 –
Perdido Key State Park East –
Quietwater Beach –
Sanders Beach –
Shoreline Park –

TOTAL FOR 2026 – 338 samples – 26 advisories – 8% of samples requiring an advisory



SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS – EMERALD COAST UTILITY AUTHORITY

The last sanitary sewage overflow reported was – JULY 10, 2026

4110 Montaigne Drive – Pensacola

CAUSE – broken force main – wastewater entered retention pond- overflow estimated to be 27,600 gallons – 14,630 gallons recovered.

RED TIDE REPORTS – FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

These reports are provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)