

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 20, 2026

HEALTH ADVISORIES ISSUED FOR BAYOU TEXAR, BIG LAGOON STATE PARK EAST, BRUCE BEACH, PARK WEST SOUNDSIDE, AND QUIETWATER BEACH THIS WEEK

NOTE – THESE SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED PRIOR TO THE STORM

Baby Beach (Pensacola Beach) – **POOR**; no advisory

Bayou Texar – **POOR; ADVISORY**

Big Lagoon State Park – Good

Big Lagoon State Park East – **POOR; ADVISORY**

Bruce Beach – **POOR; ADVISORY**

Casino Beach – Good

Ft. Pickens – Good

Johnson's Beach – Good

Navy Point/Gibbs Point – Moderate

Opal Beach – Good

Park East – Good

Park West Gulfside – Good

Park West Soundside – **POOR; ADVISORY**

Perdido Key Beach Access 3 – Good

Perdido Key Beach Access 4 – Moderate

Perdido Key State Park East – Good

Quietwater Beach – **POOR; ADVISORY**

Sanders Beach – no report

Shoreline Park – Good

TOTAL FOR 2026 – 334 samples – 25 advisories – 7% 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)