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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 with accurate, up-to-date information on the water quality at our beaches. Results of this monitoring program are posted online at [www.OurGulfEnvironment.net](http://www.OurGulfEnvironment.net)

### **Bacteria Monitoring Results:**

- **Current Warnings/Advisories:** Routine water sampling conducted Monday indicates the water quality at the Ringling Causeway 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](http://www.OurGulfEnvironment.net) to check beach water testing results of area gulf beaches or call the Sarasota County Call Center and ask for the Health Department's Environmental Health office.

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