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# Sarasota County area “No Swim” advisory lifted at Turtle and Nokomis Beach

SARASOTA COUNTY — A “No Swim” advisory that has been in place at Turtle and Nokomis Beaches since Thursday, Sept. 29 has been lifted today. All advisories from last week have been lifted. Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County officials received testing results today that were at a satisfactory level for enterococcus bacteria meeting both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state recreational water standards. Residents and visitors may return to swimming and other water sports at these beach sites.

The “No Swim” advisory signage will be removed; however, Red Tide advisory signage for the *Karenia brevis* algae bloom currently off the coastline will remain in place until conditions improve. The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County monitors water quality weekly at 16 sites along Sarasota’s 34 miles of beaches. The intent of this program is to provide county residents and visitors with accurate, up-to-date information on the water quality at our beaches. [Click here](#) for beach water testing results.

When making beach day plans, be sure to check the latest reports on beach conditions.

For more information:

- Visit <https://OurGulfEnvironment.scgov.net> and click on water monitoring and then bacterial testing to check beach water testing results of area Gulf beaches.
- Call 941-BEACHES (941-232-2437) or visit [www.visitbeaches.org](http://www.visitbeaches.org). Click on the same link to the mobile-friendly version of the beach conditions report.
- Visit Sarasota County also provides extensive information about Sarasota, including its beaches. The website is [www.visitsarasota.org](http://www.visitsarasota.org).

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