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**Florida Department of Health in Bay County Healthy Beaches  
Monitoring Program  
Public Service Announcement**



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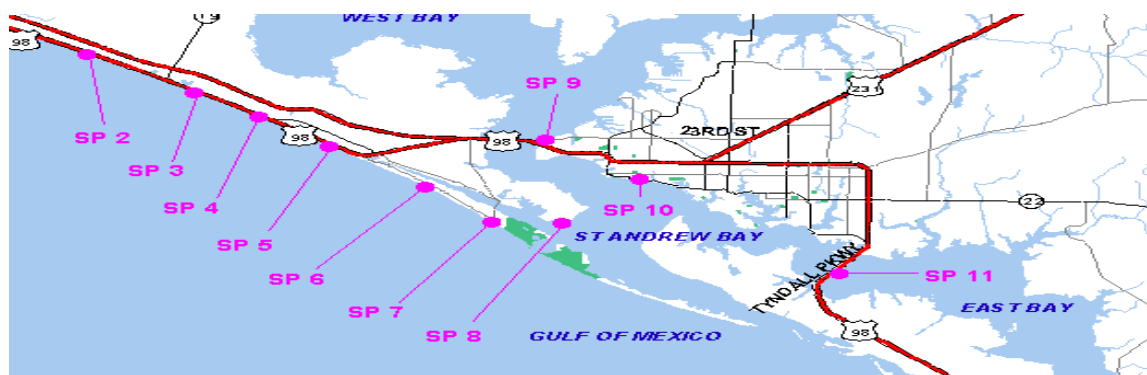
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**Panama City, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County conducts saltwater beach water quality monitoring in accordance with the Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program. Water samples are collected twice a month between March and October. The samples are analyzed for enteric bacteria that normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals, and may cause human disease, infections or rashes. The presence of enteric bacteria is an indication of fecal pollution, which may come from storm water runoff, pets and wildlife, and human sewage. Poor results are posted as an “Advisory” at the affected beaches and those beaches are re-sampled the following week.

There are no advisories in effect at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Department of Health in Bay County at 850-481-4806, or visit the Department of Health’s Internet Beach Water Quality website (<http://www.floridahealth.gov/healthy-environments/beach-water-quality/index.html>).



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