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**ADVISORY LIFTED FOR ST. ANDREWS BAY**  
*City of Panama City testing shows the area is now safe to swim*

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**Panama City, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) **is rescinding an advisory for St. Andrews Bay.** This included **St. Andrews Bay from Bunkers Point** (E Beach Drive and Cherry Street) to **Sudduth Point** (Sudduth Avenue). The City of Panama City is reporting test results show that **the area is now safe to swim.**

The original advisory sent Tuesday, October 22 was due to a release of **1,500 gallons of raw sewage.** The release entered a storm drain that discharges into **St. Andrews Bay.** Clean up actions are now complete.

Sewage contamination of water can expose swimmers to **intestinal viruses, bacteria, and parasites.** Swimming in the water may cause **symptoms like food poisoning** with vomiting and diarrhea. **Infection is possible in open cuts and wounds** that come in contact with the water.

For more information, contact the DOH-Bay's Environmental Health Division at 850-481-4806 or visit [Bay.FloridaHealth.gov](http://Bay.FloridaHealth.gov).

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