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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 the area from the **Panama City Marina to Moore Circle.** The City of Panama City is reporting test results show that **the area is now safe to swim.**

The original advisory sent Friday, October 11 was due to a release of **480 gallons of raw sewage.** The release entered a storm drain that discharges into **St. Andrews Bay.** The release has been stopped and repairs have been made.

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 at 850-481-4806 or visit Bay.FloridaHealth.gov.

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