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ADVISORY FOR PORTION OF MASSALINA BAYOU LIFTED

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Panama City, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Bay County, DOH-Bay, **is lifting the advisory for** a portion of Massalina Bayou from **E 4th Street to E Beach Drive**.

The advisory was issued on March 23, 2021 following a release of approximately **2,500 gallons of raw sewage**. This was due to a blockage which caused an overflowing manhole at **325 3rd Ct in Panama City**. The release entered a storm drain which empties into **Massalina Bayou**.

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

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