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**PORTION OF MASSALINA BAYOU UNDER ADVISORY AFTER RAW SEWAGE RELEASE**

***City of Panama City reports 9,000-gallon raw sewage release***

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**Panama City, Fla.** –The City of Panama City is reporting a release of **9,000 gallons of raw sewage**. This is due to rain over flowing a man hole at **530 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Panama City**. The release entered **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.

The Florida Department of Health in Bay County, DOH-Bay, **advises against swimming in Massalina Bayou** from **E 6<sup>th</sup> Street to E 4<sup>th</sup> Street until further notice**. The **City of Panama City will test** the water and share results with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Bay County Health Department. **Once levels are safe, the advisory will be lifted**.

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

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