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DOH-Bay Issues Water Quality Health Advisories

Advisories issued for Laguna Beach (SP 2), Panama City Beach City Pier (SP 3), Bid-A-Wee Beach (SP 4), Panama City Beach Access #41 (SP 5), and Beach Drive (SP 10).



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Bay County, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) has issued a water quality advisory for the following locations:

Laguna Beach (SP 2) 19440 Front Beach Road Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Panama City Beach City Pier (SP 3) 16101 Front Beach Road Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Bid-A-Wee Beach (SP 4)
Across from Argonaut Road
Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Panama City Beach Access #41 (SP 5) 11211 Front Beach Road Panama City Beach, FL 32407

> Beach Drive (SP 10) US-98 West Beach Drive Panama City, FL 32401

Tests completed on Monday, August 19, 2024, indicate that the water quality at Laguna Beach (SP 2), Panama City Beach City Pier (SP 3), Bid-A-Wee Beach (SP 4), Panama City Beach Access #41 (SP 5), and Beach Drive (SP 10) do not meet the recreational water quality criteria for *Enterococcus* bacteria recommended by the Florida Department of Health.

DOH-Bay advises against any water-related activities at these locations due to an increased risk of illness in swimmers. Sampling conducted during regular water quality monitoring showed that the level of bacteria exceeds the level established by state guidelines.

These advisories will continue until bacteria levels are below the accepted health level. Test results are available at <u>FloridaHealth.gov/HealthyBeaches</u>.

For more information call 850-481-4806 or visit Bay.FloridaHealth.gov.

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