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WATER ADVISORY REINSTATED AT ROOSEVELT BRIDGE

The Martin County Health Department is recommending residents avoid contact with the water near the Roosevelt Bridge after additional testing revealed enteric bacteria at higher than normal levels. The five week geometric mean, which is a type of average used for this type of sampling, continues to exceed the federal standard. Potential health risks for those who ingest or come in contact with the water include upset stomach, diarrhea, eye irritation and skin rashes.

Enteric bacteria inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals and their presence in recreational waters is an indication of fecal pollution. The presence of these bacteria may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife and human sewage.

The Martin County Health Department will continue to test every Monday. The advisory will continue until there is at least two weeks of good samples. In addition, we will monitor the geometric mean for at least two weeks of good results.

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