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BEACH ADVISORY REMOVED
Sanibel Causeway tests below unsafe level

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Lee County, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH-Lee) is removing the advisory to stay out of the water at the Sanibel Causeway. Tests completed today for *Enterococcus* bacteria in water samples taken September 10, 2018 showed levels under the maximum contaminant level.

This beach park is located at Causeway Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Enterococcus bacteria normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of an elevated concentration of these bacteria is an indicator of pollution, which may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife or sewage.

Elevated levels of *Enterococcus* bacteria have been associated with an increased risk of swimming-associated gastroenteritis illness (diarrhea and abdominal pain).

For more information call (239) 274-2200.

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