



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- Weekly Top Performing Post

Post Details

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Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Hamilton and Madison counties have issued a health advisory because of possible bacterial contamination in the Withlacoochee River. The advisory urges residents and visitors to take precautions when in contact with the river.

Current bacterial levels can be found on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's website - <https://bit.ly/2ar73pf>

The City of Valdosta has no reported spikes as of 8:30 a.m. on July 10, 2020, related to this sampling event.

July 9, 2020

HEALTH OFFICIALS IN MADISON, HAMILTON COUNTY ADVISE OF POSSIBLE BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION IN THE WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER

Division of Public Health

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Madison, FL - The Florida Department of Health in Madison and Hamilton counties today issued a new health advisory to residents who gather near the Withlacoochee River in Madison County.

The health advisory is issued regarding possible bacterial contamination of the river, which is the only safe option to take precautions when in contact with the Withlacoochee River. The Florida Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection are conducting water sampling.

Water contamination with fecal coliform bacteria presents a health risk to humans. Residents in local parks should avoid gastrointestinal issues and other ailments.

Anyone who comes into contact with the river water should wash thoroughly, especially before eating or drinking. Children and other adults, as well as people with weakened immune systems, are especially vulnerable to illness. As every precaution should be taken if in contact with the riverbank.

For more information about the possible health effects of waterborne bacteria, Facebook is encouraged to contact DOH Division at 888-375-2222 or visit www.floridahealth.gov and www.floridahealth.gov for more information at 888-375-2222 or visit www.floridahealth.gov.

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Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management
July 9 at 7:31 PM

Updated as a courtesy for FL Dept of Health mention. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Dept of Health.

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861 People Reached

45 Comments (includes 3 replies)

4 Likes	4 On Posts	0 On Stories
2 Shares	2 On Posts	0 On Stories
4 Retweets	4 On Posts	0 On Stories
0 Reactions	0 On Posts	0 On Stories
10 Comments	19 On Posts	1 On Stories
12 Shares	12 On Posts	0 On Stories

52 Page Views

10 From Profile	3 From Groups	77 From Other
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

0 Hidden Posts	0 Hidden Pages
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881 People Reached | 107 Engagements | [View Unavailable](#)

4 Reactions | 10 Comments | 12 Shares

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Announcements for the week of July 19 – 25, 2020

- The District office will remain closed to the public. Only essential staff will be present on site. Staff will continue to maximize remote work options during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Steve Minnis will attend the Seven Springs Department of Administrative Hearings in Tallahassee.