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HEALTH OFFICIALS IN HAMILTON, MADISON COUNTY LIFT ADVISORY FOR THE WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER



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Jasper, FL – The Florida Department of Health in Hamilton and Madison counties today lifted the joint health advisory for the Withlacoochee River in North Florida that was issued on February 11, 2020 because of elevated indicators of fecal-indicator bacteria.

Since the advisory was issued, both Florida Department of Health in Hamilton and Madison counties conducted sampling along the Withlacoochee River. The recent test results indicate the river water again meets surface water quality standards ensuring the public may resume water-related activities (https://www.flrules.org/gateway/notice_Files.asp?ID=17115667).

For more information about the potential health effects of wastewater overflow, Floridians are encouraged to contact DOH-Hamilton at 386-758-1059 or hamilton.floridahealth.gov and DOH-Madison at 850-973-5000 or visit madison.floridahealth.gov.

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