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TESTING FOR DRINKING WATER WELLS NEAR THE WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER

Bacteria Testing for Drinking Water Samples



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Madison, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health issued a health advisory due to possible contamination of the Withlacoochee River. The city of Valdosta, Georgia reported a large spill of untreated sewage that overflowed into the Withlacoochee River. The advisory urges individuals not to come into contact with the Withlacoochee River along the Hamilton and Madison borders.

Since the river affects some drinking water wells, the Florida Department of Health in Hamilton and Madison counties are offering Free well water testing for Total Coliform and *E. coli*.

Residential address locations will need to be within 5 miles from the river in Madison County and west of CR 143 along the river in Hamilton County for well water samples to be accepted for free testing. Samples will be accepted for the Free testing through January 31, 2020. Please contact the Florida Department of Health in either Madison or Hamilton counties if you have any questions.

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