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## HEALTH OFFICIALS LIFT RED TIDE ALERT FOR MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AFTER RECENT SAMPLE RESULTS

*Cautionary notice remains active for Boca Grande Beach*

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**Lee County, Fla.** – The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH-Lee) has lifted health alerts issued from 1/23/2023 to 3/9/2023 for the presence of red tide near **Turner Beach (Captiva), Blind Pass Beach (Sanibel), Buck Key near Blind Pass, Bonita Beach Causeway (Dog Beach), Bonita Beach Park, Little Hickory Island Park, Bowman’s Beach, Tarpon Bay Road Beach, Lighthouse Beach (Sanibel), and Dixie Beach (Sanibel)**. Follow-up water samples taken by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission show red tide is at low to background levels near these locations.

**It is important that the public continue to exercise caution and good judgement.** If you experience respiratory or eye irritation, you should consider leaving the area or seeking relief in an air-conditioned space. The latest sample results can be viewed on [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](https://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov).

**Report symptoms** from exposure to a harmful algal bloom or any aquatic toxin to the Florida Poison Information Center. Call 1-800-222-1222 to speak to a poison specialist.

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