

10,000 gallons of sewage spill into Port Charlotte waterway

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PORT CHARLOTTE: Tests could come back as early as Friday from Port Charlotte Beach after 10,000 gallons of raw sewage accidentally spilled into the water Thursday.

Charlotte County Utilities says the sewage spilled into the Fordham waterway, which leads to the Port Charlotte Beach Complex.

The Florida Department of Health has issued a beach advisory for the area.

Health officials will lift the warning when the waterway is determined to be free of bacterial contamination.

According to the Health Department, if high concentrations of these bacteria are ingested or enter through an open cut or sore, they may cause disease or infection.

The most common symptoms include rashes, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.