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Madeira Beach Urges Caution on the Beaches Due to Red Tide

MADEIRA BEACH, FL – While Hurricane Michael had minor direct impacts on Madeira Beach, the storm has created a renewed session of Red Tide issues. Sporadic instances of odors and respiratory issues have been reported in various locations along the shoreline. City officials are encouraging beachgoers to use discretion and minimize their exposure.

Cleanup crews from DRC, contractors, the City of Madeira Beach and Pinellas County staff are monitoring the beaches throughout the weekend and responding to reports of fish kills where needed. While Hurricane Michael did help to break up some of the plume located off the coast, it also agitated it. That has resulted in increased odors in some areas and is causing eye, nose and throat irritation, particularly for those with respiratory conditions.

Small children, and those with exposed wounds are advised to use caution when choosing where to enter the water. Free parking in city owned lots and spaces, including in John's Pass Village, remains in effect.

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