



## GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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#### **BEACH ADVISORY**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory by sampling for Enterococci Bacteria and Turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of January 28 – February 1, 2019. The following beaches **meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing**:

#### **St. Croix**

Cramer's Park  
Shoy's  
New Fort (Ft. Louise  
Augusta)  
Chenay Bay

Princess Condo Row  
Dorsch  
Frederiksted Public Beach  
Halfpenny  
Cane Bay

Pelican Cove (Cormorant)  
Protestant Cay  
Rainbow  
Buccaneer

#### **St. Thomas**

Magen's Bay  
Brewer's Bay  
Sapphire  
Lindquist  
Frenchman's Bay  
Bolongo Bay

Coki Point  
Water Bay  
Vessup Bay  
Lindbergh Bay  
Secret Harbor  
Hull Bay

**St. John**

Frank Bay  
Johnson Bay  
Oppenheimer  
Great Cruz Bay  
Cruz Bay

The following beach **does not meet water quality standards because it exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

**St. Thomas**

Bluebeard's

*Please Note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches:*

- *Stoney Ground and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*

*Therefore, the water quality of these beaches is unknown.*

All persons should also be aware that storm water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or if any area appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.