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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 34 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of June 10-14, 2019. **ALL 34 SAMPLED BEACHES MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND ARE SAFE FOR SWIMMING OR FISHING:**

**St. Croix**
- Shoy’s
- New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)
- Dorsch
- Frederiksted Public Beach
- Stony Ground
- Spratt Hall
- Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
- Rainbow
- Columbus Landing
- Buccaneer
- Protestant Cay
- Chenay Bay
- Cramer’s Park
- Halfpenny
- Cane Bay
- Princess (Condo Row)

**St. Thomas**
- Magen’s Bay
- Brewer’s Bay
- Sapphire
- Lindquist
- Water Bay
- Bolongo Bay
- Lindbergh Bay
- Frenchman’s Bay
- Secret Harbor
- Vessup Bay
- Bluebeard’s
- Hull Bay
- Coki Point
St. John
Great Cruz Bay
Cruz Bay
Frank Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson Bay

Please Note: Samples were not collected at the following beach:

- Grapetree Bay on St. Croix

Therefore, the water quality of this beach 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.