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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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of July 8-12, 2019. The following 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)
- Buccaneer
- Protestant Cay
- Chenay Bay
- Cramer’s Park
- Halfpenny
- Cane Bay
- Gentle Winds

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

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

**St. Thomas**
Coki Point

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

- **Columbus Landing, Grapetree Bay & Princess (Condo Row) 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.