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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 27 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of September 9-13, 2019. **ALL 27 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
- Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
- Rainbow
- Buccaneer
- Protestant Cay
- Chenay Bay
- Cramer’s Park
- Halfpenny
- Princess (Condo Row)
- Cane Bay

**St. Thomas**
- Lindbergh Bay
- Lindquist
- Sapphire
- Bluebeard’s
- Brewer’s Bay
- Water Bay
- Magen’s Bay
- Coki Point
- Secret Harbor
- Vessup Bay
- Hull Bay
- Frenchman’s Bay
- Bolongo Bay

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

- St. John beaches;
- 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.