



**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 32 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of December 2-6, 2019. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

**St. Croix**

Shoy's

New Fort (Ft. Louise

Augusta)

Stony Ground

Buccaneer

Halfpenny

Rainbow

Protestant Cay

Gentle Winds

Pelican Cove (Cormorant)

Frederiksted Public Beach

Cane Bay

Cramer's Park

Dorsch Beach

Chenay Bay

**St. Thomas**

Hull Bay

Brewer's Bay

Frenchman's Bay

Bolongo Bay

Lindquist

Coki Point

Magen's Bay

**St. John**

Oppenheimer  
Cruz Bay  
Johnson Bay  
Frank Bay  
Great Cruz Bay

The following beaches **do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

**St. Thomas**

Sapphire  
Lindbergh Bay  
Water Bay  
Vessup Bay  
Bluebeard's  
Secret Harbor

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

- *Princess (Condo Row) and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix;*
- *Limetree Bay and Morningstar on St. Thomas;*

*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.