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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 January 27-31, 2020. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Cramer's Park
Dorsch Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	Halfpenny
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)
Rainbow	Buccaneer	Shoy's
Cane Bay	Chenay Bay	Grapetree Bay

St. Thomas		
Lindberg Bay	Bolongo Bay	Frenchman's Bay
Brewer's Bay	Sapphire	
Bluebeard's	Vessup Bay	
Hull Bay	Lindquist	
Magen's Bay	Secret Harbor	

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson Bay
Frank 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
Coki Point

St. John
Great Cruz Bay

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

- *Sprat Hall, Gentle Winds, Columbus Landing, Teague Bay on St. Croix;*
- *Water Bay, 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.