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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 30 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 16-20, 2020. **All beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Chenay Bay	Dorsch Beach
Princess (Condo Row)	Cramer's Park	Rainbow Beach
Frederiksted Public Beach	Grapetree Bay	
Cane Bay	Halfpenny Beach	
Protestant Cay	Shoy's Beach	

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

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson Bay
Frank Bay
Great Cruz Bay

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

- *Pelican Cove (Comorant), New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) and Buccaneer 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.