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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program did not perform water quality sampling at any of the designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 6 through April 10, 2020. Therefore, compliance with water quality standards for safe swimming or fishing at beaches territory-wide is unknown.

In accordance with Governor Bryan's Monday, April 6, 2020 Executive Order, all beaches in the Territory are closed until April 20, 2020.

Interested persons can find information on the April 6, 2020 Executive Order at the following web address: <https://www.vi.gov/governor-bryan-closes-territorial-beaches-until-april-20/>

Further, 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.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.