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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 May 25-29, 2020. **ALL BEACHES MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND ARE SAFE FOR SWIMMING OR FISHING:**

| St. Croix | | |
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| Stony Ground | Pelican Cove (Cormorant) | Chenay Bay |
| Dorsch Beach | Sprat Hall | Columbus Landing |
| Frederiksted Public Beach | Rainbow Beach | Halfpenny Beach |
| New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) | Buccaneer | Cramer's Park |
| Cane Bay | Shoy's | Princesse (Condo Row) |

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

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

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

- *Grapetree Bay and Protestant Cay on St. Croix*
- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches are 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.