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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 28 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of June 29 – July 3, 2020. **ALL BEACHES MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND ARE SAFE FOR SWIMMING OR FISHING:**

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

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

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

- *Grapetree Bay and Columbus Landing on St. Croix*
- *Cruz Bay, Oppenheimer, Frank Bay, Johnson Bay & Great Cruz Bay on St. John*

Therefore, the water quality at 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.