



# GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES



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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 July 27 – 31, 2020. **ALL OF THE BEACHES MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND ARE SAFE FOR SWIMMING OR FISHING:**

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	Sprat Hall
Dorsch Beach	Cramer's Park	Rainbow Beach
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Shoy's
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Buccaneer Beach	
Cane Bay	Chenay Bay	

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
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	

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Frank Bay
Great Cruz Bay

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

- *Columbus Landing, Princess (Condo Row) -Mill Harbor, Halfpenny and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix due to the high concentration of Sargassum Seaweed impacting the nearshore.*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John because the St. John Ferry ran late.*

*Therefore, the water quality at these beaches are unknown.*

***Additionally:***

These laboratory results are from samples that were collected 7/27/20 – 7/28/20, prior to the passage of Tropical Cyclone 9 later in the week. All persons should 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 any area that appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR will continue to monitor impacted areas and waters.

For additional information regarding water quality, call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 on St. Croix or 514-1961 on St. Thomas.