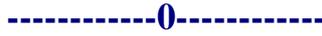




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BEACH ADVISORY

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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 31 – September 4, 2020. **THE FOLLOWING BEACHES MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND ARE SAFE FOR SWIMMING OR FISHING:**

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove	Sprat Hall
Dorsch Beach	Cramer’s Park	New Fort
Frederiksted Public Beach	Columbus Landing	Shoy’s
Rainbow	Buccaneer	Princess (Condo Row)
Cane Bay	Chenay Bay	Half Penny

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

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

The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:

St. Thomas

Brewer's Bay
Hull Bay
Coki Point

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

- *Protestant Cay on St. Croix (Ferry was not running)*
- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix (Excessive sargassum seaweed)*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches are unknown.

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.