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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 34 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of September 21 – 25, 2020. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Frank Bay
Great Cruz Bay

The following beach **does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

- *Johnson Bay on St. John.*

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

- *Columbus Landing on St. Croix due to the high concentration of Sargassum Seaweed impacting the nearshore.*

Therefore, the water quality at this beach is 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 the impacted areas and waters.

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