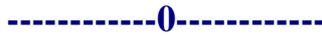




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**BEACH ADVISORY**

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 29 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 5 – October 9, 2020. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Sprat Hall	Chenay Bay
Dorsch Beach	Cramer’s Park	Shoy’s
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Halfpenny Beach
Rainbow Beach	Buccaneer	Princess (Condo Row)
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Cane Bay	
Gentle Winds	Grapetree Bay	

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

<b>Water Island</b>		
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)		

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

- *Columbus Landing and Pelican Cove (Cormorant) on St. Croix due to the high concentration of Sargassum Seaweed impacting the nearshore.*
- *Cruz Bay, Oppenheimer, Johnson Bay, Frank Bay, and Great Cruz Bay on St. John due to the high volume of precipitation received within 72 hours of the scheduled sampling date.*

*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 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 514-1960 in St. Thomas.