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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 36 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 23 – November 25, 2020. All beaches sampled meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

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

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

- *Cane Bay on St. Croix (due to Sargassum Seaweed)*
- *Honeymoon Beach (Druif) on Water Island (due to time constraints)*

*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 774-3320 in St. Thomas.