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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 November 2 – November 6, 2020. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Gentle Winds	
Dorsch Beach	Halfpenny Beach	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	
Rainbow Beach	Buccaneer	
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Cane Bay	
Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	Chenay Bay	

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

Water Island		
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)		

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson Bay
Frank 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:

- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Coki Point on St. Thomas*
- *Grapetree, Shoy's and Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix.*

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

- *Cramer's Park on St. Croix (due to Sargassum Seaweed)*

Therefore, the water quality at this beach 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.