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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 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of January 18 – January 22, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Cane Bay	Pelican Cove	Shoy’s Beach
Dorch Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	Chenay Bay
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Cramer’s Park
Rainbow Beach	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Halfpenny Beach
	Buccaneer	

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

Water Island		
Honeymoon Beach		

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

- *Stony Ground on St. Croix.*

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

- *Sprat Hall, Grapetree Bay, and Gentle Winds on St. Croix (due to Sargassum Seaweed)*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches 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 514-1960 in St. Thomas.