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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 30 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 19, – April 23, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Gentle Winds	Pelican Cove	
Protestant Cay	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	
Princess (Condo Row)	Columbus Landing	
Buccaneer	Chenay Bay	
Halfpenny Beach	Cramer’s Park	

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

<b>Water Island</b>		
Honeymoon Beach		

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
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:**

- *Shoy's Beach on St. Croix.*

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

- *Stony Ground, Sprat Hall, Frederiksted Public Beach, Rainbow Beach, Dorsch Beach, Cane Bay, Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *Morningstar Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John*

*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, 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 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.