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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 May 17-21, 2020. **ALL BEACHES SAMPLED MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND ARE SAFE FOR SWIMMING OR FISHING:**

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

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

Water Island

Honeymoon Beach

St. John

Cruz Bay

Oppenheimer

Great Cruz Bay

Frank Bay

Johnson Bay

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

- *Columbus Landing and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*

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 774-3320 in St. Thomas.