



# GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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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 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 16, – August 20, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

<b>Water Island</b>		
Honeymoon Beach		

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

**The following beach does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered safe for swimming or fishing:**

- *Frank Bay on St. John.*

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

- *Gentle Winds, Columbus Landing, Half Penny and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *Frenchman's Bay 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.