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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 2, – August 6, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

Water Island		
Honeymoon Beach		

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay

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

- *Columbus Landing, Pelican Cove, and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Frank 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.