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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 September 20 – September 24, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

| St. Croix | | |
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| Dorsch Beach | Pelican Cove | Grapetree Bay |
| Frederiksted Public Beach | Cramer's Park | Shoy's |
| Rainbow Beach | Protestant Cay | Halfpenny Beach |
| New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) | Buccaneer | Chenay Bay |
| | Cane Bay | Princess (Condo row) |

| St. Thomas | | |
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| Lindbergh Bay | Sapphire Beach | Lindqvist Beach |
| Magen's Bay | Vessup Bay | Bolongo |
| Frenchman's Bay | Secret Harbor | Bluebeards |
| Brewer's Bay | Hull Bay | |

| Water Island | | |
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| Honeymoon Beach | | |

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| St. John |
| Frank Bay |
| Cruz Bay |
| Oppenheimer |

The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Great Cruz Bay and Johnson Bay on St. John*
- *Stony Ground on St. Croix*
- *Coki Point, Water Bay and Limetree Bay on St. Thomas.*

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

- *Sprat Hall and Columbus Landing on St. Croix.*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

All persons should also 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.