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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 34 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 29 – December 3, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

| <b>St. Croix</b> |                               |                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Stony Ground     | Pelican Cove                  | Chenay Bay      |
| Princess         | New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) | Cramer's Park   |
| Grapetree Bay    | Protestant Cay                | Halfpenny Beach |
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| <b>St. Thomas</b> |                |                   |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Frenchman's Bay   | Sapphire Beach | Lindqvist Beach   |
| Magen's Bay       | Vessup Bay     | Coki Point        |
| Limetree Bay      | Secret Harbor  | Bluebeard's Beach |
|                   | Hull Bay       | Bolongo Bay       |

| <b>Water Island</b> |
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| Honeymoon Beach     |

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

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

- *Lindbergh Bay, Brewer's Bay and Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Dorch Beach, Frederiksted Public Beach, Rainbow Beach, Cane Bay, Gentle Winds, Buccaneer and Shoy's on St. Croix.*

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

- *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.