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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPR) 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:

DPR performed water quality analysis at 28 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 21 – March 25, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix	
Princess (Condo Row)	Chenay Bay
New Fort (Ft.Louise Augusta)	Cramer’s Park
Halfpenny Beach	Protestant Cay
Buccaneer	Grapetree Bay
Shoy’s	

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

St. John
Cruz Bay
Frank Bay
Oppenheimer
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay

Water Island

Honeymoon Beach

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:

- *Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix*

Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches on St. Croix:

- *Stony Ground*
- *Dorsch Beach*
- *Frederiksted Public Beach*
- *Rainbow Beach*
- *Cane Bay*
- *Gentle Winds*
- *Pelican Cove (Comorant)*

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.