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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 June 24 – June 28, 2024. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Cramer’s Park
Frederiksted Public Beach	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Halfpenny Beach
Cane Bay	Buccaneer	Stony Ground
Rainbow Beach	Shoy’s	Sprat Hall
Columbus Landing	Chenay Bay	Gentle Winds
Princess (Condo Row)	Protestant Cay	

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

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

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

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

- *Cruz Bay on St. John.*

PLEASE NOTE:

Samples were not collected on the following beaches due to excessive sargassum:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix.*

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.