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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 August 19 – August 23, 2024.

The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

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

- *Johnson 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.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.