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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 29 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of December 30, 2024 – January 2, 2025.

Based on the analytical results, the following beaches met water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Cane Bay	Buccaneer Beach	Stony Ground
Fredriksted Public Beach	Dorsch Beach	Shoy's Beach
Cramers Park	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	

St. Thomas		
Sapphire Beach	Magen's Bay	Morningstar Beach
Brewer's Bay	Vessup Bay	Lindqvist Beach
Lindbergh Bay		

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:

- *Hull Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Coki Point on St. Thomas*
- *Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Secret Harbor on St. Thomas*
- *Bolongo Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Limetree Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Rainbow Beach on St. Croix*
- *Gentle Winds on St. Croix*
- *Pelican Cove (Comorant) on St. Croix*
- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*
- *Chenay Bay on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Beach on St. Croix*
- *Ha'Penny Beach on St. Croix*

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

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Honeymoon Beach on Water Island*
- *Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Frank Bay on St. John*
- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John*
- *Oppenheimer Beach on St. John*
- *Protestant Cay on St. Croix*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

Please be advised that there may be an elevated health risk to anyone swimming in storm water-impacted areas because of increased concentrations of bacteria or other contaminants. Areas of storm water runoff (i.e., guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or any area that appears discolored or has foul odors should be avoided. 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.