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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, a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analyses at 34 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 28– May 2, 2025.

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

St. Croix		
Buccaneer Beach	Ha’Penny Beach	Sprat Hall
Cane Bay	New Fort Louisa Augusta	Stoney Ground
Chenay Bay	Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	
Cramer’s Park	Protestant Cay	
Dorsch Beach	Rainbow Beach	
Fort Frederik Beach	Shoy’s Beach	

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

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

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:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas.*
- *Brewers Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Cruz Bay on St. John*

Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches due to the large amounts of sargassum.

- *Columbus Landing on St. Croix*
- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Bay Beach on St. Croix*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

Please be advised that anyone swimming in waters that are sewage-impacted, stormwater-impacted, or have large amounts of sargassum may be at an elevated health risk because of increased concentrations of bacteria or other contaminants. Areas impacted by sewage, stormwater runoff (i.e., guts, puddles, and drainage basins), large amounts of sargassum, or any area that appears discolored or has foul odors should be avoided. DPNR will continue to monitor the 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.