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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 analysis at 28 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of July 7 – July 11, 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	Frederiksted Public Beach	Rainbow Beach
Cane Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	Shoy’s Beach
Chenay Bay	Princess Condo Row	Sprat Hall
Cramers Park	Protestant Cay	Stony Ground
Dorsch Beach	New Fort Louisa Augusta	

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

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)

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

- *Columbus Landing on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Bay Beach on St. Croix*
- *Pelican Cove (Comorant) on St. Croix*
- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *All the beaches on St. John.*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

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