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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 14 designated beaches on St. Croix during the week of July 14 – July 18, 2025. **Beaches on St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island were not sampled this week.**

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

| St. Croix | | |
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| Buccaneer Beach | Ha’Penny Beach | Sprat Hall |
| Cane Bay | New Fort Louisa Augusta | Stony Ground |
| Chenay Bay | Pelican Cove (Comorant) | |
| Cramers Park | Protestant Cay | |
| Dorsch Beach | Rainbow Beach | |
| Frederiksted Public Beach | Shoy’s Beach | |

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

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

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. Water 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.

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