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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 27 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 4 – August 8, 2025. Unfortunately, beaches on St. John and Water Island were not sampled.

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	Stony Ground
Chenay Bay	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Cramers Park	Protestant Cay	
Dorsch Beach	Rainbow Beach	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Shoy’s Beach	

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

The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci bacteria threshold. Therefore, the following beaches are not considered safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Lindqvist Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Lindbergh Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Vessup Bay on St. Thomas.*

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*
- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Beaches on St. John and Water Island.*

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.

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