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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 designated 38 beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 3– November 7, 2025.

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

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Buccaneer Beach	Grapetree Bay Beach	Shoys Beach
Cane Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	Sprat Hall
Chenay Bay	New Fort Louise Augusta	Stony Ground
Cramers Park	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Dorsch Beach	Prosperity Beach	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	
Gentle Winds	Rainbow Beach	

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
Bolongo Bay	Hull Bay	Magens Bay
Coki Point	Limetree Beach	Sapphire Beach
Frenchman Bay	Lindqvist Beach	Vessup Bay

<b>St. John</b>
Frank Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay
Oppenheimer Beach

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach

The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci bacteria threshold and are therefore unsafe for swimming or fishing:

- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*
- *Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Brewers Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Lindbergh Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Morningstar Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Secret Harbor on St. Thomas*
- *Cruz Bay on St. John.*

**Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beach:**

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas.*

*Therefore, the water quality at this beach is unknown.*

Please be advised that anyone swimming in waters contaminated with sewage, stormwater, or with large amounts of sargassum may be at an elevated health risk due to elevated concentrations of bacteria or other contaminants. Waters 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.

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