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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 36 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of December 1– December 5, 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
Cramers Park	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Stony Ground
Dorsch Beach	Prosperity Beach	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	
Gentle Winds	Rainbow Beach	
Grapetree Bay Beach	Shoys Beach	

St. Thomas	
Bluebeards Beach	Magens Bay
Bolongo Bay	Secret Harbor
Brewers Bay	Vessup Bay
Frenchman Bay	
Hull Bay	
Limetree Beach	
Lindqvist Beach	

St. John
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)

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

- *Cane Bay on St. Croix*
- *Chenay Bay on St. Croix*
- *New Ft. Louisa August on St. Croix*
- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*
- *Coki Point on St. Thomas*
- *Lindbergh Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Sapphire Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Frank Bay on St. John.*

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

- *Morningstar Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Oppenheimer Beach on St. John*
- *Water Bay on St. Thomas.*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches 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. DPNR will continue to monitor the 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.