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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 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of February 17, 2025–February 20, 2026.

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	Gentle Winds	Rainbow Beach
Cane Bay	Grapetree Bay Beach	Shoys Beach
Chenay Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	Sprat Hall
Cramers Park	New Ft. Louisa Augusta	Stony Ground
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	

<b>St. Thomas</b>	
Bluebeards Beach	Lindbergh Bay
Bolongo Bay	Lindqvist Beach
Brewers Bay	Sapphire Beach
Coki Point	Secret Harbor
Frenchman Bay	Vessup Bay
Hull Bay	
Limetree Beach	

**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:**

- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*
- *Magens Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Honeymoon Beach (Druif) on Water Island.*

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

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

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.