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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:

Unfortunately, DPNR was only able to perform water quality analysis at 13 designated beaches on St. Thomas during the week of May 4, 2026– May 8, 2026.

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

St. Thomas	
Bluebeards Beach	
Bolongo Bay	Lindqvist Beach
Brewers Bay	Magens Bay
Frenchman’s Bay	Sapphire Beach
Hull Bay	Secret Harbor
Lindbergh Bay	Vessup Bay

The following beach does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci bacteria threshold and is therefore, considered unsafe for swimming or fishing:

- *Coki Point on St. Thomas.*

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

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Honeymoon Beach on Water Island*
- *All beaches on St. John*
- *All beaches on St. Croix.*

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.

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