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**BEACH ADVISORY**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) advises the public that its Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program conducts weekly assessments of water quality at designated swimming beaches throughout the Territory. These assessments include testing for Enterococci bacteria, an indicator of potential health risks, and measuring turbidity, which reflects water clarity.

During the week of August 24, 2026, through August 28, 2026, DPNR collected and analyzed water samples from 30 designated beaches across the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Based on the results of these analyses, the beaches listed below met established water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

| <b>St. Croix</b>         |                         |                |
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| Buccaneer Beach          | Gentle Winds            | Protestant Cay |
| Cane Bay                 | Grapetree Beach         | Rainbow Beach  |
| Chenay Bay               | New Ft. Louise Augusta  | Shoy's Beach   |
| Cramers Park             | Pelican Cove (Comorant) | Sprat Hall     |
| Dorsch Beach             | Princess Condo Row      | Stony Ground   |
| Fredriksted Public Beach | Prosperity Beach        |                |

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

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| <b>Water Island</b> |
| Honeymoon Beach     |

**Please Note:** Water samples were not collected at the following locations:

- Water Bay, St. Thomas
- Ha'Penny Beach, St. Croix
- All beaches on St. John

As a result, the current water quality at these beaches could not be determined.

DPNR advises the public that swimming in waters contaminated by sewage, stormwater runoff, or excessive amounts of sargassum may pose an increased health risk due to elevated levels of bacteria and other contaminants. Beachgoers should avoid waters affected by sewage, stormwater runoff, including guts, puddles, and drainage basins, as well as areas with significant sargassum accumulation, discoloration, or foul odors.

DPNR will continue to monitor affected waters and provide updates as necessary.

For additional information regarding water quality, contact the Division of Environmental Protection at (340) 773-1082 on St. Croix or (340) 774-3320 on St. Thomas.