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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPR) advises the public of the latest results from its Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which conducts weekly testing at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory. Water samples are analyzed for Enterococci bacteria and turbidity, an indicator of water clarity.

During the week of September 21 through September 25, 2026, DPR conducted water quality testing at 30 designated beaches across the Territory.

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

St. Croix		
Buccaneer Beach	Gentle Winds	Rainbow Beach
Cane Bay	Ha'Penny Beach	Shoy's Beach
Chenay Bay	New Ft. Louise Augusta	Sprat Hall
Cramers Park	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Stony Ground
Dorsch Beach	Prosperity Beach	
Fredriksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	

St. Thomas		
Bluebeards Beach	Frenchman's Bay	Magens Bay
Brewers Bay	Hull Bay	Sapphire Beach
Bolongo Bay	Lindbergh Bay	Secret Harbor
Coki Point	Lindqvist Beach	

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

The following beaches did not meet established water quality standards due to Enterococci bacteria levels exceeding the acceptable threshold. The public is advised to avoid swimming and fishing at these locations until further notice:

- **Princess Condo Row, St. Croix**
- **Vessup Bay, St. Thomas**

Water quality samples were not collected at the following locations during this week's monitoring period:

- **Water Bay, St. Thomas**
- **Grapetree Beach, St. Croix**
- **All monitored beaches on St. John**

As a result, the current water quality at these locations is unknown, and the public should exercise caution.

DPNR reminds the public that swimming in waters affected by sewage, stormwater runoff, or large accumulations of sargassum may increase exposure to bacteria and other contaminants.

The public is advised to avoid waters impacted by sewage or stormwater runoff, including areas near guts, puddles, and drainage basins, as well as areas with large amounts of sargassum. Water that appears discolored or has an unusual or foul odor should also be avoided.

DPNR will continue to monitor impacted waters and provide updates as conditions warrant.

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