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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPR) advises the public that its Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program conducts weekly assessments of water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory. Water samples are analyzed for Enterococci bacteria and turbidity, which measures water clarity.

During the week of August 31, 2026, through September 4, 2026, DPR conducted water quality testing at 25 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	Pelican Cove (Comorant)
Cane Bay	Prosperity Beach
Dorsch Beach	Protestant Cay
Fredriksted Public Beach	Shoy's Beach
Gentle Winds	Stony Ground
New Ft. Louise Augusta	

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

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

DPNR advises the public that the following beaches do not meet established water quality standards due to elevated levels of Enterococci bacteria and are therefore considered unsafe for swimming or fishing:

- Coki Point, St. Thomas
- Sprat Hall, St. Croix
- Princess Condo Row, St. Croix

Beaches Not Sampled

Water quality samples were not collected at the following locations:

- Water Bay, St. Thomas
- Bluebeards Beach, St. Thomas
- Ha’Penny Beach, St. Croix
- Rainbow Beach, St. Croix
- Chenay Bay, St. Croix
- Cramers Park, St. Croix
- Grapetree Beach, St. Croix
- All beaches on St. John

As a result, the current water quality conditions at these beaches are unknown.

DPNR also reminds the public that swimming in waters affected by sewage contamination, stormwater runoff, or significant accumulations of sargassum may pose health risks due to elevated levels of bacteria and other contaminants. Beachgoers should avoid waters impacted by sewage discharges, stormwater runoff from guts, puddles, and drainage basins, as well as areas with excessive sargassum, discolored water, or foul odors.

The Department will continue to monitor water quality conditions throughout the Territory and provide updates as necessary.

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