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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) advises the public of the latest results from its Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program. The program conducts weekly testing at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory for Enterococci bacteria and turbidity, a measure of water clarity, to assess water quality conditions.

During the week of September 28 through October 2, 2026, DPNR conducted water quality testing at 13 designated beaches throughout the Territory.

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

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

Water Island

Honeymoon Beach

DPNR advises the public that the following beaches on St. Thomas do not meet water quality standards because Enterococci bacteria levels exceed the established threshold:

- Coki Point
- Lindbergh Bay

These waters are considered unsafe for swimming and fishing at this time.

Samples were not collected at Water Bay on St. Thomas, all beaches on St. Croix, and all beaches on St. John. Therefore, the current water quality at these locations is unknown.

The public is advised to avoid waters affected by sewage, stormwater runoff or large accumulations of sargassum, as well as areas where the water is discolored or has a foul odor. These conditions may expose swimmers to elevated concentrations of bacteria or other contaminants.

DPNR will continue to monitor impacted waters.

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