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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:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 30 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 26, 2026 – October 30, 2026.

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

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

St. Thomas		
Bluebeards Beach	Lindqvist Beach	Sapphire Beach
Brewers Bay	Lindbergh Bay	
Hull Bay	Magens Bay	

The following beaches did not meet water quality standards because they exceeded the established Enterococci bacteria threshold and are therefore considered unsafe for swimming or fishing:

- Grapetree Bay on St. Croix
- Ha'penny Beach on St. Croix
- Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix
- Protestant Cay on St. Croix
- Bolongo Bay on St. Thomas
- Coki Point on St. Thomas
- Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas
- Secret Harbor on St. Thomas
- Vessup Bay on St. Thomas
- Honeymoon Beach on Water Island.

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

- Prosperity Beach on St. Croix
- Water Bay on St. Thomas
- All beaches on St. John.

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. DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted waters.

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