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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 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 16, 2026 – November 20, 2026.

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

St. Croix		
Chenay Bay	Cane Bay	Rainbow Beach
Prosperity Beach	Protestant Cay	Shoy's Beach
Gentle Winds	Stony Ground	Fredriksted Public Beach
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	

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

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

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

- *Buccaneer Beach on St. Croix*
- *Cramers Park on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Beach on St. Croix*
- *Ha'Penny Beach on St. Croix*
- *New Ft. Louisa on St. Croix*
- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix.*

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

- *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.

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