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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 32 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 2, 2026 – November 6, 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	Prosperity Beach
Cane Bay	Gentle Winds	Protestant Cay
Chenay Bay	Ha'Penny Beach	Shoy's Beach
Cramers Park	New Ft. Louise Augusta	Sprat Hall
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	Stony Ground

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

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

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
- Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix
- Vessup Bay on St. Thomas.

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.