

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**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, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 19 – October 23, 2020. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Gentle Winds	Princess (Condo Row)
Dorsch Beach	Cramer's Park	Shoy's
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Halfpenny Beach
Rainbow Beach	Buccaneer	
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Cane Bay	
Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	Grapetree Bay	

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindquist Beach
Bolongo Bay	Vessup Bay	Water Bay
Frenchman's Bay	Coki Point	Secret Harbor
Magen's Bay	Bluebeard's Beach	

<b>Water Island</b>		
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)		

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson Bay
Frank Bay

**The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

- *Hull Bay, and Brewer's Bay on St. Thomas.*
- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Chenay Bay on St. Croix*

All persons should also be aware that storm water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health, and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or any area that appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 514-1960 in St. Thomas.

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