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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 analyses at 14 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of May 26– May 30, 2025.

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

St. Croix		
Buccaneer Beach	Ha’Penny Beach	Sprat Hall
Cane Bay	New Fort Louisa Augusta	Stony Ground
Chenay Bay	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Cramers Park	Protestant Cay	
Dorsch Beach	Rainbow Beach	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Shoy’s Beach	

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

- Princess Condo Row on St. Croix
- Grapetree Bay Beach on St. Croix
- Columbus Landing on St. Croix
- All the beaches on St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

Please be advised that individuals swimming in waters contaminated by sewage, stormwater, or with large amounts of sargassum may be at an increased health risk due to elevated concentrations of bacteria or other contaminants. Areas 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 areas and 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.