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All 31 Beaches Tested for Water Quality are Good for Swimming and Fishing This Weekend, D.P.N.R. Says

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources on Friday issued its beach water quality results, revealing that of the 31 beaches it tested, all were cleared as good for swimming and fishing.

Governor Albert Bryan also confirmed D.P.N.R.'s findings during his coronavirus update press briefing Friday afternoon. Mr. Bryan on Monday reopened the territory's beaches after closing them during the Easter weekend, but at the time water quality was unknown.

The beaches were tested between April 20-24, D.P.N.R. said. Below, the results:

St. Croix:

- Stony Ground
- Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
- Chenay Bay
- Dorsch Beach
- Sprat Hall
- Columbus Landing
- Frederiksted Public Beach
- Rainbow Beach
- Halfpenny Beach
- New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)
- Buccaneer
- Princess (Condo Row)
- Cane Bay
- Shoy's

St. Thomas:

- Lindbergh Bay
- Sapphire Beach
- Frenchman's Bay
- Brewer's Bay
- Vessup Bay
- Water Bay
- Hull Bay
- Bluebeard's Beach
- Lindquist Beach
- Magen's Bay
- Secret Harbor
- Coki Point
- Bolongo Bay

St. John:

- Cruz Bay
- Oppenheimer
- Great Cruz Bay
- Frank Bay

D.P.N.R. said Grapetree Bay on St. Croix was not tested, nor was Johnson Bay on St. John, and therefore the water quality of these beaches remains unknown.

The department said 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 if any area 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 774-3320 in St. Thomas.

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