

The Virgin Islands Consortium

All Beaches Tested by DPNR Proved Safe for Swimming and Fishing This Weekend

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources said Friday that of the 32 beaches it tested during the week for water quality, all met the threshold deemed safe for swimming and fishing.

D.P.N.R.'s Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program 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.

Safe beaches include the following:

- 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
- Cramer's Park
- Cane Bay
- Shoy's
- Protestant Cay

St. Thomas

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

St. John

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

Grapetree Bay and Princesse (Condo Row) on St. Croix, and Frenchman's Reef on St. Thomas, were not tested, therefore said beaches' water quality is unknown, D.P.N.R. said.

D.P.N.R. said all persons should 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.