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Heading To The Beach This Weekend? There Are Many Choices To Choose From, D.P.N.R. Says

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Many residents haven't been to the beach in well over a month, as Hurricanes Irma and Maria brought along with them storm-water runoff that contaminated the waters.

But in the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' latest beach advisory, while there were still a number of beaches labeled unsafe for swimming and fishing this weekend, the majority of the territory's waters passed the test.

First, let's get the unsafe beaches out of the way. On St. Croix, they include the following: Princess, Condo Row – Mill Harbor, Cramer Park and Grapetree Bay. On St. Thomas, the unsafe beaches are: Brewer's Bay and Lindquist.

There were also beaches that D.P.N.R. could not test because access to them or the use of their waters posed a risk to health and safety, and therefore the water quality at these beaches remain unknown. On St. Croix, include are Rainbow, Chenay Bay, Stoney Ground, Protestant Cay and Halfpenny. On St. Thomas, they are Bolongo Bay, Bluebeards, Frenchman's Bay, Limetree, Water Bay, Hull Bay and Morningstar.

Now for the safe beaches:

St. Croix

- Cane Bay
- Dorsch
- New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)
- Frederiksted Public Beach
- Gentle Winds
- Davis Bay
- Columbus Landing
- Buccaneer
- Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
- Shoy's
- Princess
- Condo Row
- Mill Harbor

St. Thomas

- Magen's Bay
- Vessup Bay
- Secret Harbor
- Sapphire
- Lindbergh Bay
- Coki Point

St. John

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

For additional information regarding water quality, call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.