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## One Beach on St. Croix, Three in St. Thomas and One on St. John Not Safe This Weekend

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) has announced 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 November 11-15, 2019. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:

### **St. Croix**

Shoy's

New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)

Stony Ground

Buccaneer

Rainbow

Protestant Cay

Gentle Winds

Pelican Cove (Cormorant)

Frederiksted Public Beach

Cramer's Park

Chenay Bay

Grapetree Bay

Cane Bay

Halfpenny

Princess (Condo Row)

### **St. Thomas**

Hull Bay

Magen's Bay

Frenchman's Bay

Bolongo Bay

Vessup Bay

Brewer's Bay

Lindquist

Lindbergh Bay

Sapphire

Secret Harbor

Bluebeard's

**St. John**

Oppenheimer

Cruz Bay

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:

**St. Croix**

Dorsch Beach

**St. Thomas**

Morningstar

Water Bay

Coki Point

**St. John**

Great Cruz Bay

Please Note: Samples were not collected at the following beach:

Limetree Bay on St. Thomas;

Therefore, the water quality of this beach is unknown.

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.