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Four Beaches in St. Thomas Not Safe This Weekend, D.P.N.R. Warns

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announced Friday 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, advised the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 18-22, 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
Dorsch Beach
Chenay Bay
Halfpenny
Princess (Condo Row)
Grapetree Bay
Cane Bay

St. Thomas

Hull Bay
Water Bay
Vessup Bay
Brewer's Bay
Bluebeard's
Lindquist
Lindbergh Bay
Sapphire
Secret Harbor
Magen's Bay

St. John

Oppenheimer
Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay
Frank Bay
Great Cruz 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. Thomas

Morningstar
Coki Point
Frenchman's Bay
Bolongo 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.