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## PRESS RELEASE

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### ALL DHS Offices Will Be Closed on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** - The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (DHS) today announced that the DHS offices across the territory will be closed on Thursday, 23 December 2021 honoring and showing appreciation to the dedicated employees who serve our community through our eighty-four programs every day. All 24-hour facilities will remain open and on-call emergency services will continue as mandated. Accommodations for daily services such as Meals on Wheels will be implemented.

Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez expressed, "The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services employees devote their lives to serve our community in times of need. In honor of their commitment, the 23<sup>rd</sup> will offer a day off to rest, relax, and enjoy their families during this holiday season. This one day is but a small token of our gratitude. I want to say thank you and wish all of our DHS family a wondrous season of miracles and blessings."

For more information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, [www.dhs.gov.vi](http://www.dhs.gov.vi) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs>) at US Virgin Islands Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services (VIDHS) exists to provide social services to members in our community with diverse needs. In times of national uncertainty and hardship we act as a safety-net and exist to inspire hope and empower change through non-judgmental, quality delivery of needed services and resources. Please visit the Department of Human Services website, [www.dhs.gov.vi](http://www.dhs.gov.vi) for more information.

For more information on COVID-19, the new strain of coronavirus, please visit the USVI Department of Health's website, [www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus](http://www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus) or text COVID19USVI to 888777. #COVID19USVI

The Bryan-Roach Administration is investing in the Territory's people, infrastructure, and future through transparency, stabilizing the economy, restoring trust in the government, and ensuring that recovery projects are completed as quickly as possible. Visit [transparency.vi.gov](http://transparency.vi.gov).

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