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PRESS RELEASE

VI Department of Human Services Delays Resumption of Head Start Services until Thursday, May 5, 2022

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U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – In continuing efforts to ensure the safety of Head Start staff and students, the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (DHS) has announced that Head Start offices and centers will remain closed until Thursday, May 5, 2022. This delay in resumption of services will allow Head Start participants territory wide, to access free COVID testing being provided by the Virgin Islands Department of Health (VIDOH). The Virgin Islands Department of Health has scheduled COVID testing for Head Start participants on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 9 AM to 4 PM and have issued a Press Release providing the community with details related to this testing.

Parents should pre-register their children for COVID-19 test at the following links:

St. Croix: <https://vitests-stx.usvi.care/schooltesting>

St. Thomas: <https://vitests-stt.usvi.care/schooltesting>

St. John: <https://vitests-stj.usvi.care/schooltesting>

Or from the VIDOH website, www.doh.vi.gov, by choosing "Sign Up for a School Testing."

Testing sites on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 9a.m. – 4 p.m. are:

St. Croix

- D.C. Canegata Ballpark
- St. Croix Educational Complex Parking Lot

St. Thomas

- Old Cinema One Parking Lot
- Joseph E. Gomez School Field

St. John

- VIPA Gravel Lot

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VIDOH advises that all Head Start students should receive test results on the same day of testing. If results are not received, inquiries may be emailed to results@doh.vi.gov

VIDHS Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez stated," We apologize for any inconvenience that this delay in resumption of services may cause. Our number one priority continues to be the safety of our staff and students."

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 for more information.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the USVI Department of Health's website, www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus or text COVID19USVI to 888777. #COVID19USVI

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