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Mars Hill Head Start to Resume Food Distribution Monday, March 8, 2021

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services announced today that they will re-open the Mars Hill Head Start location to staff and resume food distribution on Monday, March 8, 2021.

The Department of Human Services shut the facility down last week in order to activate its COVID-19 mitigation protocols to address confirmed COVID-19 cases among staff and keep families coming to the facility for food distribution safe.

DHS staff are continually encouraged to continue to maintain CDC best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear your mask (covering your nose and mouth while in the workplace)
- Maintain social distance
- Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds, often
- Wear appropriate other PPE while in contact with other staff or clients
- Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol when you cannot wash hands
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces
- Share FACTS not rumors
- Contact your manager, supervisor or administrator if you do not have access to appropriate PPE while at work

The Mars Hill Head Start location is the St. Croix district's largest site with 10 classrooms and a high concentration of staff. DHS wants to ensure that every precaution is taken to keep staff and everyone who interacts with the program, as safe as possible.

For general information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, www.dhs.gov.vi or Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs>).

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For more information on Covid19, the new strain of coronavirus, please visit the USVI Department of Health's website, www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus or text COVID19USVI to 888777.
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The COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment Hotline is now open from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Operators are available in both English and Spanish. For additional information, including an updated eligibility list as well as vaccine information, call (340)777-8227 or visit VITEMA.Vi.Gov.

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.

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