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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Human Services Announces Temporary Closure to St. Croix Facilities due to WAPA Water Outage

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS -** The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (VIDHS), is advising the community that due to WAPA water pump issues affecting the St. Croix district, several divisions will be implementing early closures at various facilities across the island. The DHS Mars Hill Administrative Building, located in Frederiksted, and two (2) DHS Head Start Facilities will be closing at 12:00pm due to a lack of running water at their facilities. This closure will affect:

Division of Family Assistance, (SNAP, LIHEAP, LIWAP, TANF/JOBS) Mars Hill, Frederiksted Medicaid Division, Mars Hill, Frederiksted Senior Citizens Affairs Division, Mars Hill, Frederiksted Frederiksted Head Start, Frederiksted. Kingshill, Head Start, Kingshill

For assistance, please contact the following division staff during this temporary interruption:

Division of Senior Citizen Affairs: (340)725-5757 or email: alivin.milligan@dhs.vi.gov Division of Family Assistance: (340)772-7100 ext. 7159 or email: natalie.bailey@dhs.vi.gov Medicaid Division: (340) 725-5759 or email: STXMAP@dhs.vi.gov

The VI Department of Human Services apologizes for any inconvenience.

For more information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, 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.

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