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VIDHS CALLS FOR SHELTER PRE-REGISTRATION FOR ST. JOHN RESIDENTS

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The VI Department of Human Services (DHS) is requesting St. John residents to pre-register if they plan to utilize an evacuation shelter during a disaster related event.

Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez reiterated that, “We are amid the 2022 Hurricane Season and being fully prepared is crucial. Our Virgin Islands residents should remain vigilant about potential disasters and planning is important. Sheltering in place should be the first plan of action. This means staying at your own home, or with a friend, family member, faith-based or community acquaintance, or neighbor’s home. If you are unable to shelter in place, DHS and other agencies will coordinate to ensure your safety at a shelter location.”

If you are a St. John resident or a community agency who works with vulnerable populations in St. John, DHS is requesting a pre-registration of those individuals and families who may need to go to an evacuation shelter during a disaster. Please contact Ms. Abigail Hendriks at (340) 776-6144 to coordinate the pre-registration.

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

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.

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