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## **VIDHS Offices To Close Half Day for All Hazards Disaster Preparedness and Response Annual Staff Training**

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** - Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez advises the public that all DHS offices (territory-wide) will be closed on Friday, June 2, 2023 and Friday, June 9, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for mandatory annual ESF6 Mass Care and Shelter Operations Training. All residential facilities and 24/7 emergency services will maintain normal operations.

The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services is mandated to carry out Emergency Support Function (ESF) #6, under FEMA and VITEMA's Coordinated Disaster Response. ESF #6 refers to Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Shelters, and Human Services. It requires the agency to supervise the coordination and delivery of mass care, emergency assistance, sheltering, and human services during a disaster. 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.

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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