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MEDIA ALERT: VIDHS Office of Head Start Announces Delay of First Day of School for Frederiksted and Kingshill Campuses Due to Water Outage

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - The USVI Department of Human Services (VIDHS), Office of Head Start urgently advises the public that the first day of school for the Frederiksted and Kingshill Head Start campuses on St. Croix has unfortunately been delayed. This immediate closure is due to a lack of running water on the campuses, resulting from ongoing water system repairs in the surrounding areas.

The VIDHS Office of Head Start extends its sincerest apologies to all parents, guardians, and families affected by this sudden change. We understand how highly anticipated the first day of school is for our children, and we deeply regret the significant frustration and inconvenience this causes to your family's daily schedules. However, the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff remain our absolute highest priority. We cannot safely open and operate these facilities without a reliable water supply.

We are closely monitoring the water restoration progress with the utility and will notify parents and the public immediately once a new start date is confirmed.

Closure Details:

Affected Campuses: Frederiksted Head Start & Kingshill Head Start (St. Croix)

Date Affected: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Reason: Lack of running water due to ongoing area utility repairs

Status: Campuses closed; school delayed until water service is fully restored

The VIDHS Office of Head Start thanks all parents and the community for their patience, flexibility, and understanding as we navigate this unexpected challenge. Further updates will be provided as soon as information becomes available.

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