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MEDIA ALERT: HEAD START CENTERS IN THE ST. THOMAS-ST. JOHN DISTRICT CLOSED FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - The **U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (VIDHS)** advises the public that all **Head Start Centers in the St. Thomas-St. John District** will be closed on **Friday, October 23, 2026**, due to ongoing power interruptions.

The closure is enacted to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of enrolled children, families, and staff while electrical stability is addressed.

For updates and further information, parents and guardians can contact the VIDHS Head Start Division or monitor local media channels and the official Department of Human Services website and social media pages.

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 https://transparency.vi.gov.

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