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Claude O. Markoe Elementary Reverts to Virtual Learning Sept. 27 Due to COVID-19 Exposure On Campus

ST. CROIX, USVI – Claude O. Markoe Elementary School will be closed to in-person learning beginning Sept. 27, due to COVID-19 exposure impacting several classrooms. All in-person classes will revert to virtual learning until further notice.

As part of the Virgin Islands Department of Education's COVID-19 protocols, the Department's COVID-19 Taskforce and the Virgin Islands Department of Health were notified and have begun contact tracing.

Meal distribution will also be suspended at the Claude O. Markoe campus during the closure; however, families may pick up breakfast and lunch at the Arthur A. Richards modular campus from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The affected areas of the campus will be thoroughly sanitized using CDC-approved products before the school reopens to in-person learning.

The Department of Education reminds employees that if they are sick, they must remain at home and seek guidance from the Virgin Islands Department of Health or a private healthcare provider. If anyone within a household has tested positive for COVID-19 or has COVID-19-related symptoms, children in that household should not attend in-person classes. All members of the household must remain in quarantine until negative COVID-19 test results are received or all members have been cleared by the Department of Health.

To knowingly expose others to COVID-19 is punishable by fines and imprisonment.

For more information about symptoms and what to do if exposed to COVID-19, visit www.cdc.gov.

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