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**US Virgin Islands — COVID-19 Mass Testing for
Public School Students, Staff on May 2 and 3**

US Virgin Islands — The Virgin Islands Department of Health (VIDOH) will conduct COVID-19 testing of Virgin Islands Department of Education students and school-based staff on May 2 and 3, due to the increased rate of COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations territory-wide.

“While we anticipated an increase in positive cases during the Carnival season, infections have been showing up at concerning rate and we want to do everything we can to ensure that students and school-based staff are as safe as possible before they return to their school campuses,” said Commissioner Justa Encarnacion.

All school-based employees and students in grades 7-12 will be tested on Mon., May 2; public schools will remain closed that day. Students and staff receiving negative COVID-19 test results on Mon., May 2 will resume in-person learning on Tues., May 3. All prekindergarten and elementary students will be tested on Tues., May 3, and those with negative COVID-19 test results will resume in-person learning on Wed., May 4. Testing will also be conducted on May 4 for students and staff who were not tested on the previous days.

Parents who wish to test their children at a private lab may do so at their own expense. Parents/guardians with multiple students at multiple schools may test all on one day. Faculty and staff may test with their school aged children on May 2.

COVID-19 Mass Testing Schedule for VIDE Students/School-based Employees

Monday, May 2, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All school-based employees, school bus drivers, and students in grades 7-12

St. Croix

- D.C. Canegata Ballpark
- St. Croix Educational Complex Parking Lot

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St. Thomas

- Old Cinema One Parking Lot
- Joseph E. Gomez School Field

St. John

- VIPA Gravel Lot (**all JESS and IEKHS students residing on St. John test on May 2**)

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 9a.m. – 4 p.m.

All prekindergarten-6th grade students

St. Croix

- D.C. Canegata Ballpark
- St. Croix Educational Complex Parking Lot

St. Thomas

- Old Cinema One Parking Lot
- Joseph E. Gomez School Field

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 9a.m. – 4 p.m.

All students, school-based employees, and bus drivers who did not test on the previous dates

St. Croix

- D.C. Canegata Ballpark
- St. Croix Educational Complex Parking Lot

St. Thomas

- Old Cinema One Parking Lot
- Joseph E. Gomez School Field

St. John

- VIPA Gravel Lot

Students and staff are urged to pre-register for Department of Health mass testing at the following links:

St. Croix

<https://vitests-stx.usvi.care/schooltesting>

St. Thomas

<https://vitests-stt.usvi.care/schooltesting>

St. John

<https://vitests-stj.usvi.care/schooltesting>

Pre-registration may also be accessed from the DOH website, www.doh.vi.gov, by choosing “Sign Up for a School Testing.”

Parents and school-based staff should receive test results on the same day of testing. If results are not received, inquiries may be emailed to results@doh.vi.gov.

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