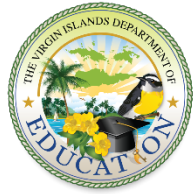




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## EMERGENCY TEAMs TUESDAY MEETING ON AUGUST 17 @ 3:30 PM

August 16, 2021

Dear VIDE Family,

I would first like to say how grateful I am for each of you and for the many personal and professional sacrifices you have made during this time. The VIDE could not do its work without you.

We have some important business to attend to, as it relates to the rise in COVID-19 cases at the VIDE. We are still very much in the middle of the pandemic and cannot let our guard down. Now, more than ever, we must be vigilant and do our part to keep ourselves and each other safe.

Important protocols to observe:

1. **If you are sick, please stay home.** This is not negotiable. Contact your supervisor and inform them of your illness. Seek medical attention from your healthcare provider or the V.I. Department of Health.
2. If you suspect that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please get tested, **and while awaiting your test results, remain at home.** Under no circumstances should you report to work until you have received a negative COVID-19 test result. Provide these results to your supervisor. **If you test positive for COVID-19, please follow the instructions of the VIDO and quarantine.**
3. **If you test positive for COVID-19, do not contact your peers or colleagues** to inform them of your diagnosis; you should only contact your supervisor (see attached).
4. Please continue to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth while in your office space, practice social distancing, and wash hands with soap and water frequently.
5. **Most importantly, get vaccinated.** The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and is the best option for all of us to remain healthy during the pandemic. Visit the Community Vaccination Center where you live or a private healthcare practitioner.

Please join me and other VIDE leaders for an emergency TEAMs Tuesday meeting on August 17 @ 3:30 p.m. You may access the meeting through the link sent to your VIDE calendar or that is included in this email message.

Sincerely,

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