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### **Alfredo Andrews Elementary School Reverts to Virtual Learning Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Due to COVID-19 Exposure**

ST. CROIX, USVI – The Alfredo Andrews Elementary School will revert to virtual learning from Sept. 29-Oct. 1 due to recent COVID-19 exposure on the campus. Two positive cases were confirmed over the weekend—affected classrooms reverted to virtual learning this week—and two more cases were confirmed on Sept. 28. 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 (VIDOH) were notified and have begun contact tracing.

The Department of Health will conduct drive-through COVID-19 testing for students and teachers of the impacted classrooms from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Oct. 1 at the front entrance of the school.

The school is expected to return to normal, in-person operations on Mon., Oct. 4. The campus will be thoroughly sanitized by CDC-approved products before it reopens.

During the campus closure, students may pick up breakfast and lunch between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the John H. Woodson Jr. High School. School bus service to and from Alfredo Andrews will be suspended during the closure.

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](http://www.cdc.gov).

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