

The Virgin Islands Consortium

UVI to Close On Aug. 27 As Erika Impacts Territory

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The University of the Virgin Islands will be closed on Thursday, Aug. 27, out of an abundance of caution, as Tropical Storm Erika is expected to impact the territory on Thursday, according to a press release UVI issued late Wednesday.

UVI employees are advised to secure their work areas before the close of business today. All essential employees, including Physical Plant employees, should report to work at their usual reporting time until further notice.

UVI students and faculty are advised that there will be no classes on Thursday, Aug. 27. However, there are no disruptions to classes on Wednesday, Aug. 26.

A tropical storm watch is in effect for the U.S. Virgin Islands. According to the National Hurricane Center's 2 p.m. advisory, Tropical Storm Erika has maximum winds near 45 miles per hour with higher gusts. Little change in strength is forecast during the next 48 hours.

The UVI community is asked to be vigilant and monitor all forms of communication. UVI status updates will be available on the homepage of the UVI website, www.uvi.edu, and in the [Current Students](#), [Current Employees](#) and [News](#) sections of the site. Status updates will also be available on social media: www.facebook.com/uvi.edu and twitter.com/uvi_edu; and campus hotlines: (340) 692-4168 on St. Croix and (340) 693-1016 on St. Thomas.

Information on steps to prepare for inclement weather can be found on UVI's Emergency Preparedness webpage via this direct link: [Emergency Preparedness](#). All UVI students and employees are encouraged to sign-up for UVI's Rave emergency notification system, which is used to share critical information via text messages and e-mail. Participants simply add their cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses to the "Personal Information" page in UVI's BanWeb accounts. Additional instructions on signing up for Rave are available from this [direct link](#).