

Human Services Shuts Down Knud Hansen Complex in St. Thomas After Employees Test Positive For Covid-19

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The V.I. Department of Human Services Thursday night confirmed that it has closed the Knud Hansen Complex after two employees tested positive for Covid-19. The facility's Monday reopening is dependent on a thorough cleaning to be performed over the weekend. It was the second time D.H.S. had shuttered the facility because of Covid-19 positive cases, [the first being in August](#).

"With the notification of the confirmed Covid positive test, DHS, in conjunction with the Department of Health, has initiated emergency response protocols that include widespread self-monitoring and testing of those who were in direct contact with the impacted staff person, appropriate notifications and continued distancing protocols," D.H.S. said.

According to the release, action being taken include the following:

- Specific staff members of the impacted unit have been advised and asked to quarantine until they get a negative result from testing
- A notification was sent to all staff advising of the COVID19 positive result of one of the team members
- DHS has arranged for testing of all DOH identified PUIs within the auspices of DHS through the Department of Health
- Cleaning and sanitization protocols, in line with Department of Health and CDC guidance, have been initiated.

D.H.S. requested prayers for all staff, along with other frontline employees working daily to combat the virus and treat patients.