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Dept. of Education's Feeding Initiative to Resume August 23

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The V.I. Department of Education said in a release it will resume its “No V.I. Child Goes Hungry” feeding initiative on Mon., Aug. 23 for school year 2021-2022.

Now in its third year, the initiative was launched in March 2020 and has served more than 1,071,897 meals to students attending the territory’s public, private, and parochial schools since campuses closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, D.O.E. said.

The department said parents and/or guardians are invited to pick up packaged breakfast and lunch meals at designated sites in or near their neighborhoods, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9-11:30 a.m., while supplies last. Meals are not served on

weekends or holidays.

Leading up to the start of this year's feeding initiative, food service workers in the two districts will undergo additional training and Covid-19 testing through the V.I. Department of Health, according to the release.

"While our kitchen workers have undergone COVID-19 training this summer and multiple times last school year, with the emergence of the more-contagious and deadlier Delta variant, we are making every effort to further prepare workers to safely handle food and navigate the kitchen environment," said Assistant Commissioner Victor Somme III, whose office spearheads the feeding initiative. "Many Virgin Islands' families depend on us to provide nutritious meals for their children, and we want to ensure our employees feel confident in practicing the required safety protocols while preparing those meals."

ID is not required when picking up meals; however, masks are required to be worn and recipients are asked to remain in their vehicles for drive-through pick up.

St. Croix Meal Distribution Sites

- Juanita Gardine K-8 School
- Lew Muckle Elementary School
- Ricardo Richards Elementary School
- Alfredo Andrews Elementary School
- John H. Woodson Jr. High School
- St. Croix Educational Complex High School
- Eulalie R. Rivera K-8 School
- Arthur A. Richards K-8 Modular Campus
- Claude O. Markoe Elementary School

St. Thomas Meal Distribution Sites

- Bordeaux (Near Bus Stop)
- Michael Kirwin Terrace Community Center
- Contant Knolls Community Center
- Savan Basketball Court
- Ulla F. Muller Elementary School
- Paul M. Pearson Gardens Community Center
- Oswald Harris Court Community Center
- Winston Raymo Community Center
- Joseph Sibilly Elementary School (Front Entrance)
- Lovenlund Housing Development
- Bovoni Methodist Church
- Anna's Retreat Basketball Court
- Tutu Valley (Near Bus Stop)
- Ezra Fredericks Ball Park

St. John Meal Distribution Sites

- Julius E. Sprauve School
- George Simmons Terrace
- Bellevue Area
- Calabash Boom
- Coral Bay Fire Station
- Pine Peace
- Chocolate Hole

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