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VITEMA USVI WEATHER ADVISORY UPDATE FEBRUARY 6, 2024

[U.S. Virgin Islands] – The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) is advising the public of a flood watch for the territory and potentially heavy rainfall expected from the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, February 6 through the morning of Thursday, February 8, 2024.

The National Weather Service of San Juan has issued a Flash Flood Watch for all of the U.S. Virgin Islands in advance of expected thunderstorms and rainfall in the amount of two to four inches (2”- 4”) with the opportunity for high winds and hazardous seas, particular on the northern shores.

With the expected rainfall, residents are advised to avoid low-lying areas that are prone to flooding; please exercise extreme caution while driving and, particularly, if you must drive through standing water. Wind gusts of up to 40mph are possible with this passing system.

The Virgin Islands Police Department and the Department of Public Works are both monitoring the weather system and the roadways to ensure the safety of our residents. The Virgin Islands Department of Education is also closely monitoring the system and will be making a determination early in the morning on Wednesday, February 7 on the status of school openings. Any announcements of school closures or delayed openings will be made through the Department’s website and social media as well as through the Alert VI system.

For the most recent updates, residents are urged to sign up for Alert VI on VITEMA’s website at vitema.vi.gov or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

VITEMA is the sole Virgin Islands government agency designated to supervise, administer, and coordinate all-hazards response and recovery operations. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state, and local government agencies, and with the private sector - individuals, families, non-profits, and businesses - VITEMA ensures the Territory’s ability to rapidly recover from large and small disasters by assessing and mitigating hazards, enhancing preparedness, ensuring effective response, and building the capacity to recover.

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