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September 12, 2017 -- As the Government of the British Virgin Islands continues to assess the significant damage sustained during Hurricane Irma, all travelers in need of assistance are encouraged to consult with the BVI Tourist Board office. The priority in the coming days is to ensure that all remaining visitors are safely transported out of the territory.

- **Virgin Gorda:** The Tourist Board office is located at Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour. Current hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please be reminded that a curfew remains in effect on Virgin Gorda from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.
- **Tortola:** The Tourist Board office on Tortola is not currently in operation. While we work to get the Tourist Board office back up and running, those who require assistance on Tortola should visit the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) which is operating out of **Peebles Hospital** in Road Town.

At these two centers, staff will provide assistance in coordinating departures from the islands. Yesterday, the team on the ground helped American visitors board a ferry to St. Thomas for transportation to Miami via Royal Caribbean and Norwegian cruise ships.

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of a relative or loved one who was in the territory at the time of the storm, please contact bviddmirma@gmail.com. This email account is monitored by the staff of the BVI Department of Disaster Management and will assist with all inquiries. As we work to restore communications including mobile phone and internet service, this is the most efficient channel to seek information about those remaining in the territory.

The Governor, Premier, and Commissioner of Police are continuously monitoring the recovery efforts throughout the BVI. The BVI London and New York offices remain in contact with the Government and will share frequent updates as they become available. For further information, please visit www.facebook.com/BritishVirginIs.

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