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USVI Department of Human Services and Queen Louise Home for The Aged Update

(US VIRGIN ISLANDS) - It is with heartfelt loss that the Department of Human Services and the staff at Queen Louise Home for the Aged confirm the passing (on August 18, 2020) of their most senior Queen Louise Home resident who was 101 years old. Dr. Amaro, Interim President of Schneider Regional Medical Center, cared for her for many years, until she was 100 and stated, "She was full of personality and spunk. She was a wonderful resident of the home who was a joy to take care of." Commissioner Causey-Gomez and all the staff of Queen Louise Home extend their deepest condolences to her family and expressed that she will be dearly missed. The Department of Human Services cannot state cause of death as it is currently being evaluated and protected under HIPAA laws.

The eleven (11) residents who tested positive for COVID-19 remain in relatively good health. (*There are currently 11 residents at the hospital who are positive, ten in good health and one who is being closely watched.)

Those residents who initially tested negative were placed in a non-congregate care setting while the Home was sanitized and is preparing to welcome them again in the safest way possible.

DHS continues to ask for your prayers for their essential, front line staff and the health our most vulnerable across the Territory as we all work to mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

For more information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, www.dhs.gov.vi or on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs) at US Virgin Islands Department of Human Services.

For more information on Covid19, the new strain of coronavirus, please visit the USVI Department of Health's website, www.doh.vi.gov/coronavirus or text COVID19USVI to 888777. #COVID19USVI

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net and exist to inspire hope and empower change through non-judgmental, quality delivery of needed services and resources. Please visit the Department of Human Services website, www.dhs.gov.vi for more information.

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