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Health Department Reports Fourteen New Cases on Friday

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (November 1, 2020) – On Friday, the Department of Health reported 14 new cases of COVID-19 in the territory—six on St. Croix and eight on St. Thomas. A vessel in the St. Thomas Harbour accounted for six of the cases on St. Thomas. With Saturday's numbers, this brings the total active cases in the territory to 37.

All positive cases from the vessel and their close contacts are safe and in quarantine. Territorial Epidemiologist Dr. Esther Ellis encourages the public to be vigilant as cases continue to peak in the U.S.

There is no significant common risk factor for the six new St. Croix cases, which is why it is so important to follow the prevention guidelines.

Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. Wear a mask to keep your nose and mouth covered when in public settings. Avoid close contact by staying at least six feet apart from anyone you do not live with. Wash your hands often with soap and warm water. Avoid contact with anyone who is sick, and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

To report a suspected case of COVID-19, please call [\(340\) 712-6299](tel:3407126299) or [\(340\) 776-1519](tel:3407761519). If you have a medical emergency, call 911. For more information, visit [covid19usvi.com](https://www.covid19usvi.com). For COVID-19 updates, text COVID19USVI to 888777

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