



**GOVERNMENT OF  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

ST. CROIX OFFICE  
3500 ESTATE RICHMOND  
CHRISTIANSTED, ST. CROIX, U.S.V.I. 00820-4370  
CHARLES HARWOOD MEMORIAL COMPLEX  
TEL: (340)718-6551 \* FAX: (340)718-1376

ST. THOMAS OFFICE  
1303 HOSPITAL GROUND, SUITE 10  
CHARLOTTE AMALIE  
ST. THOMAS, U.S.V.I. 00802-6722  
TEL: (340)774-0117 \* FAX: (340)777-4001

**PRESS RELEASE**

April 16, 2022

Ginny Dargan  
[Ginny.Dargan@doh.vi.gov](mailto:Ginny.Dargan@doh.vi.gov)

**VI Department of Health Issues Health Warning  
Related to the Current Rise in COVID-19 Cases**

**US Virgin Islands** — Resulting from our most recent rise in COVID-19 positive cases Territory-wide, Health Commissioner Justa Encarnacion issues this health warning advising Virgin Islanders to continue to practice the recommended COVID-19 safety procedures of handwashing, social distancing, and wearing of masks when in large crowds, especially when in enclosed environments.

“Our COVID-19 active cases are at 152: 75 on St. Croix, 70 on St. Thomas, 7 on St. John, and our territorial positivity rate is now at 5.46%. This Health Warning is being put in place to keep you safe.”, stated Commissioner Encarnacion.

“JFL hospital reported one COVID-19 positive inpatient. Our goal is to keep our hospitalizations low, and schools open by keeping you healthy,” said Commissioner Encarnacion. Dr. Hunte-Cesar also reminds you that “Every one of us plays a critical role in increasing or decreasing the Territory’s active cases and guides you to get tested if you are symptomatic, report positive home tests for better tracking of cases, and seek access to the antivirals available at our local pharmacies or monoclonal antibodies available at each hospital-based clinic”. Please call our Epidemiology Hotline at (340) 712-6299 or (340) 776-1519 if you are sick, have tested positive, and need a referral for COVID therapeutics. The VI Department of Health wishes you a safe and Happy Easter.

###