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## PRESS RELEASE

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## Department of Health Confirms the One Hundred and Twelfth (112th) Death Related to COVID-19

US Virgin Islands — After further investigating cause of death and ensuring notification of next of kin, the Virgin Islands Department of Health (VIDOH) is saddened to confirm the territory's one hundred and twelfth (112th) death related to COVID-19. The deceased is a 97-year-old female on St. Croix. Commissioner Encarnacion would like to share condolences from the entire Department of Health to the family of the deceased.

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine can prevent severe illness and death. To schedule an appointment for a vaccine or booster, please call (340) 777-8227 or visit <a href="covid19usvi.com/vaccines">covid19usvi.com/vaccines</a>. Walk-ins are also accepted at our Community Vaccination Centers.

As a reminder, St. Croix's Community Vaccination Center is located at Charles Harwood Memorial Complex. On St. Thomas the Community Vaccination Center is located at the Community Health Clinic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the Schneider Regional Medical Center. Vaccines and boosters continue to be available for individuals of all ages on St. John at the pop up in the Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) Gravel Lot on Wednesdays between 1:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. Testing is also done at this same site between 12:00 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Parents seeking pediatric vaccines for their children age 5 to 11 on St. Thomas can obtain vaccines at the Maternal, Child Health Clinic in the Elanco Building on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling (340) 777-8227. Parents or guardians need to bring identification for themselves and the child as well as the child's birth certificate.

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To report a suspected case of COVID-19, please call the COVID19 Hotline at (340) 712-6299 or (340) 776-1519. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If you have a medical emergency, call 911. For more information, visit <u>covid19usvi.com</u>. For COVID19 updates, text COVID19USVI to 888777.

As the Department continues to work to slow the spread of COVID-19, we ask everyone to continue to follow the precautionary measures which include practicing social distancing, frequent hand washing, and although no longer mandatory, wearing a mask is recommended when in crowded settings among individuals with whom you do not reside.