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Department of Health Confirms the Seventy-Seventh and Seventy-Eighth Deaths Related to COVID-19

St. Croix, US Virgin Islands — After further investigating cause of death and ensuring notification of next of kin, the Virgin Islands Department of Health is saddened to confirm the territory's seventy-seventh and seventy-eighth deaths related to COVID-19. The deceased are a 78-year-old male and a 39-year-old male. Both deaths were on St. Croix.

The Department continues to work to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to follow these precautionary measures: practice social distancing, wear a mask when in company of others outside of those in your household, clean frequently used areas thoroughly, and wash your hands often with soap and warm water.

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

St. Croix's Community Vaccination Center is located at the Nissan Center on St. Croix which is in La Grande Princesse, adjacent to the Honda Dealership and The Paint Shop, on the same side of the street as Food Town.

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On St. Thomas the Community Vaccination Center is located at the Community Health Clinic on the 2^{nd} floor at the Schneider Regional Medical Center.

To report a suspected case of COVID-19, please call (340) 712-6299 or (340) 776-1519. If you have a medical emergency, call 911. For more information, visit <u>covid19usvi.com</u>. For COVID-19 updates, text COVID19USVI to 888777.