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DOH Reminds St. Patrick's Day Parade Participants to Keep Up Healthy Habits

US Virgin Islands — The Department of Health reminds all St. Patrick's Day Parade Participants to keep up with healthy habits and remain safe while enjoying the parade day festivities.

Parade goers are advised to stay within your "family groupings" as much as possible and to remember to wear a mask or face covering in highly populated areas. "The Virgin Islands is working toward lifting all the COVID-19 restrictions and protocols, but we aren't completely there yet," states Commissioner of Health, Justa Encarnacion. "Even though the St. Patrick's Day event is an outdoor one, large gatherings of people will still occur. It is better to be safe than sick. So please wear a mask around people with whom you don't routinely come in contact."

Facial coverings are one of the best ways to reduce community spread of the COVID-19 virus. Therefore the Department of Health is asking everyone to continue to wear a facial covering in large groups so that we can continue to see a reduction in COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths. Please also remember to wash or sanitize your hands frequently.

The public's cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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