



GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

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**CABINET DECISIONS ON
COVID-19 RESPONSE**

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Vaccination is the best defense against the risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms and death.

A person is deemed to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after they have received both doses of an approved two-dose vaccine, such as AstraZeneca, Pfizer, or Moderna, and one shot of a single-dose vaccine such as Johnson & Johnson.

VACCINE

We are encouraged by the uptake of the vaccine by persons in the BVI, and the steady roll-out in countries around the world, as we prepare to welcome an increasing number of travelers to our shores over the coming weeks and months.

Vaccines do not eliminate the risk of transmitting the virus from a vaccinated person to a non-vaccinated person.

We continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated while the vaccines are freely available, to protect both themselves and the people around them from the increasing risk of severe sickness and death

EFFICACY

The vaccines are shown to be effective in preventing severe COVID-19 symptoms and deaths.

The vaccines also reduce transmission of the disease in settings where vaccination rates are high.

CABINET DECISIONS:

Effective 15th May 2021:

Fully vaccinated persons travelling from overseas would be required to:

- Provide satisfactory evidence of being fully vaccinated.
- Take a PCR test within five (5) days of travel.
- Subject to a PCR test upon arrival (day zero).
- Enter quarantine until a negative test result is received from the BVI Health Services Authority.

If the test administered on arrival returns a negative result, the fully vaccinated traveller will be immediately released from quarantine (unless they have been in close contact with a positive case).

Effective 15th May 2021:

Fully vaccinated persons who have been present in the Virgin Islands for a period of more than fourteen (14) consecutive days and travel to the USVI, St. Martin, or Puerto Rico for a period not longer than 24 hours are exempted from quarantine and the COVID-19 test upon re-entering the Territory.

Day-trippers to these neighboring jurisdictions would be required to take a PCR test seven (7) days after returning to the Territory.

Effective today, 23rd April 2021 - Public Health (Covid-19 Control and Suppression Measures) (No. 3) Order, 2021:

- **Gatherings** among vulnerable persons should not exceed five persons, as certified by the Chief Environmental Health Officer.
- **All other gatherings** limited to one person per sixty-four square feet and shall not exceed two hundred persons at any given time; except or faith-based services; graduation ceremonies; wedding ceremonies; or funerals, which shall not exceed two hundred and fifty persons.

Wearing of masks, hand washing, and physical distancing remain in effect, and vaccines continue to be widely distributed while they remain in stock.



As a caring and responsible Government, we have taken extensive measures and made significant investments to safeguard the health and well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands against the threat of this deadly virus.

As we take further steps towards revitalising the economy, restoring livelihoods that have been severely impacted by the pandemic, and regaining a sense of normalcy in our beloved Territory, I urge everyone to take personal responsibility for your health; and perform your civic duty for the safety of your family, friends, coworkers, customers, and community.

