COVID-19 UPDATE AND CABINET DECISION
6th August 2021
Part 1

LIVES LOST DUE TO COVID-19 AND MENTAL SUPPORT
57 persons died from the effects caused by the COVID-19. During this time, families continue to bury their loved ones, condolences were expressed during this difficult time.

Any one who is struggling during this time with coping with grief to reach out to a friend, to talk so that you are not alone in trying to come to terms with your loss and isolation. There are also psycho-social support teams available, please call 1800-200-3008. More numbers are 5411-2360, 5411-750, 5411-7868.

BWI EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY
As of 5th August: Cumulative total of 75,687 persons tested 2,932 persons tested positive 2,343 persons have recovered 1 active case 7 persons hospitalized 377 deaths
‘Let me give you the specifics of this again. We surge was over 1,600 active cases here at home for 2 weeks. We are now down to 150. We now see 15 persons hospitalized. We are down to 7. The CEO of the Health Services Authority will speak more of this as we are seated in the right direction.

BWI-UVF VACCINATION BUBBLE
We have forged an alliance with the US Virgin Islands to introduce the BWI-UVF Vaccination Bubbled Initiative to

give persons the ability to protect themselves and their families from COVID-19.

To this end Cabinet has made several amendments to the Public Health COVID-19 Control and Suppression Measures Order that will make provisions to protect the elderly, seriously ill and incapacitated persons who wish to participate.

These decisions are as follows:

• Persons going to and from the US, specifically to receive vaccination and specifically for that purpose, under the agreed protocols with the US Virgin Islands with the UVF authorities would be exempt from the applicable quarantine requirement for the partially vaccinated persons.

• Persons going to and from the US, specifically to receive vaccination and specifically for that purpose, under the agreed protocols with the UVF authorities would be exempt from the requirement to register on the entry portal and present Proof of Vaccination at travel fees.

• Persons going to and from the US, specifically to receive vaccination, or to accompany minors for that purpose, under the same protocols, with the US authorities would be exempt from payment of the relevant fees as call of the Territory.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR BWI-UVF VACCINATION BUBBLE
Persons who are interested in participating in the BWI-UVF Vaccination Bubbled Initiative should note the

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12-17-year-olds will be given priority;
Individuals under the age of 18 MUST have a parent or legal guardian accompany them. If they are under 18 and not traveling with the child, a notarized letter by the parent allowing the child to accompany the child must be presented;
An official birth certificate must be presented at the time of travel to the UVF Department of Health for each child;
You must have a valid passport and ordinarily meet immigration requirements to enter the US Virgin Islands;
You must be able to fund all costs associated with getting the vaccine including transportation and logistics costs.

Persons can complete the Vaccination Bubbled Registration Form and submit it along with the local protocols via an email to UVF@virginmedia.com. Persons can also register by calling 340-772-7525 Monday-Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

BVI’s VACCINATION STATUS
A total of 16,569 fully and partially vaccinated persons 12,167 fully vaccinated persons 4,402 partially vaccinated persons 95% vaccination goal margin towards hardliners.

I want to acknowledge that we still had to do some 660 visits of the vaccine in the Territory on account of

checks by the Social Distancing Task Force, the Health and Developmental, and the Tourism and Virgin Islands Police Force. These measures must be strictly adhered to so that we do not have to return to the days of discarded curfews and other measures required.

3. Except with the approval of the Ministers for Health and Development, all businesses and workplaces continue to restrict numbers to 1 person per 26 square feet to a limit of up to 50 persons at a time, per location, subject to advance written distancing plans being maintained in accordance with guidance from the British Virgin Islands Health Office;

4. That all schools, childcare centers, summer programmes and extra-curricular activities be allowed to reopen with restrictions in line with the guidelines of the social distancing and public health protocols.

The Ministers will make further announcements with regards to principal and public primary schools on Tuesday 10th August 2021;

5. That all school gatherings be limited to 1 person per 26 square feet with a maximum of 100 persons at a time;

6. That all faith-based organizations, wadadlos, funerals be limited to 1 person per 36 square feet with a maximum of 100 persons at a time will be reviewed after the 7th and 4th April period.

For in person visits to and from Her Majesty’s Prison (Baboul Gang) continue to be restricted

mandated by early 26th August, with the exception of exemptions issued to allow persons to enter the facility to necessitate a visit, subject to the conditions from the Attorney General, and with the opportunity to be reviewed thereafter;

That all facilities that serve as residential and/or facilities, namely the Aikman Donovan Home for the Diabetic, Virgin Islands Model Home for Children and Rainbow Children’s Home, St. John/Trinity Centre, and in fact, all residential facilities, will continue to prohibit visits and visits until 20 August 2021. Any exceptions of such visits of those situations determined by the facility to necessitate a visit;

That, except with the approval of the Minister for Health and Social Development, all festeos be restricted to a maximum of 100 persons (including adults) at one time; (2)

RAPID TESTING TRAINING
"With the help of the CDC and the United States Virgin Islands Government, we were able to train and we established a program to train the public health administration of the rapid tests. This is so that we can facilitate persons going and having to be able to take the rapid test at Jost Van Dyke, at the West End Terminal, at Cyril E. King International Airport, at the Christiansted Ferry Terminal, at the Virgin Gorda Regional Hospital, and at the South St. John International Airport, at the Caneel Bay and the Scrub Island, and at the BVI Green Cay Marine Park. We are determined to open this Territory in a乌鲁木齐.

We must never forget where we were and we must adapt and take every precaution necessary to free us of COVID-19, to continue to...


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