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TOTAL CASES

- **40 Active Cases**
28 STX 9 STT 4 STJ
- **26,110 Tested**
- **1,434 Positive**
812 STX 997 STT 73 STJ
- **24,635 Negative**
- **41 Pending**
- **1,370 Recovered**
- **23 Deaths**



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ACTIVE CASES

- 40 Active Cases
 - 0 hospitalized at JFL
 - 1 hospitalized at SRMC



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VI Health Department EPI Hotline

- 340-712-6299 – STX
- 340-776-1519 – STT- STJ

Non-medical Information Hotline
340-715-6843



Health Guidelines for Celebrating

- Keep a list of guests who attended for potential future contact tracing needs.
- Host your gathering outdoors, when possible. If this is not feasible, make sure the room or space is well-ventilated.
- Arrange tables and chairs to allow for social distancing.
- If planning activities for adults and/or kids, consider those where social distancing can be maintained.
- When guests arrive, minimize gestures that promote close contact.
- Wear masks when less than 6 feet apart from people or indoors.



Health Guidelines for Celebrating

- Provide masks for guests or asking them to bring their own.
- Provide hand sanitizer in addition to clearly marked hand washing areas.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds when entering and exiting social gatherings.
- Make sure there is adequate soap or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol available in the restrooms.
- Provide cleaning supplies that allow guests to wipe down surfaces before they leave.
- Remind guests to wash their hands before serving or eating food.



Health Guidelines for Celebrating

- Use single-use hand towels or paper towels for drying hands so guests do not share a towel.
- Limit the number of people handling or serving food.
- Limit people going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled.
- If serving any food, consider identifying one person to serve all food so that multiple people are not handling the serving utensils.
- Use single-use options or identify one person to serve sharable items, so that multiple people are not handling the items.



Health Guidelines for Celebrating

- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items and use touchless garbage cans if possible.
- Use gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands after removing gloves.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and any shared items between use when feasible.



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VI Health Department

- Visit www.covid19usvi.com for the daily COVID-19 reports (except Sunday).
- For COVID-19 health information alerts text **COVID19USVI** to 888777.



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New Medicare Advantage Plan

Government Retirees and their dependents over the age of 65, will transition to the New Medicare Advantage Plan as of January 1, 2021.



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New Medicare Advantage Plan

If you are a retiree over the age of 65, covered under the Virgin Islands' Health Insurance Program with no supplemental plan with AARP, the coupon book or premium letter does not apply to you.



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Unemployment Benefits

- 45,883 unemployment insurance checks have been issued totaling \$36,000,420
- 28,096 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation payments totaling \$43,407,300
- 4,299 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance checks has been issued totaling \$7,198,932
- \$2,413,449 issued in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation



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New Medicare Advantage Plan

If you have a supplemental plan or an individual plan such as a hospital indemnity plan through AARP, you will need to continue making those payments directly to AARP.

- Contact the local AARP office at 340-713-2002 for more information on your supplemental plan.



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New Medicare Advantage Plan

For more information, please call the
Division of Personnel at:
340-774-8588 or 340-718-8588

Or call United HealthCare at:
866-827-9022

Or log on to:
www.uhcvirtualretiree.com/gvi



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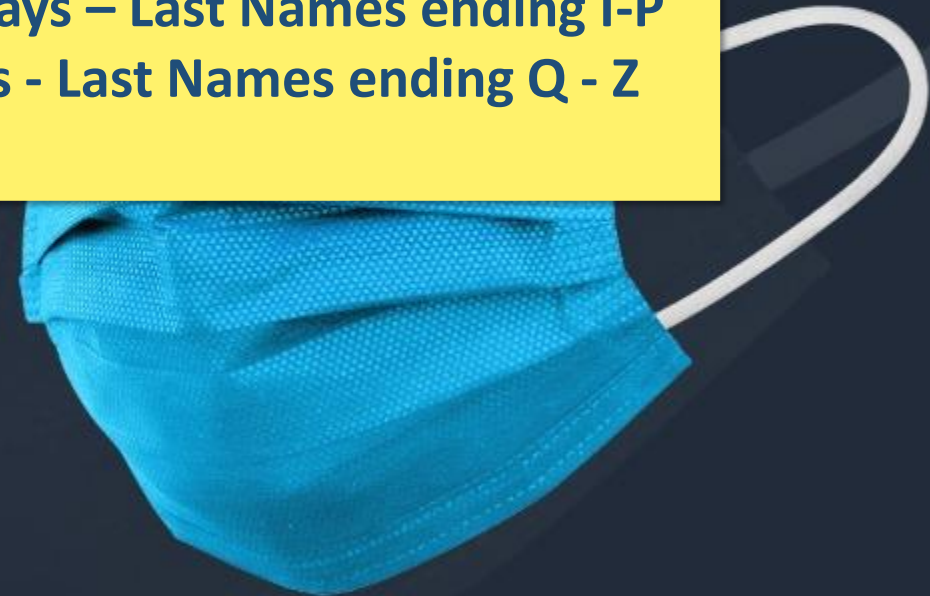
Unemployment Assistance

To apply for unemployment insurance visit:
www.vidol.gov

To apply by phone call:
1-877-374-0356

Customers can visit VIDOL offices in-person between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. as follows:

- Tuesdays - Last Names ending A-H
- Wednesdays – Last Names ending I-P
- Thursdays - Last Names ending Q - Z



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Stimulus Payment

The deadline to file a 2018 income tax return or Form 1040 to the Internal Revenue Bureau is November 21, 2020. The Bureau will continue to make payments until December 31, 2020.



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Virtual Learning

The Department of Education has issued:

- 2,000 MiFi devices (1,000 per district)
- 1,475 laptops in the St. Croix district
- 310 laptops in the St. Thomas-St. John district
- 997 Chromebooks in the St. Croix District
- 670 Chromebooks in the St. Thomas-St. John district



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