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34 MORE VINCENTIANS TO BE REPATRIATED

Thirty-four (34) more Vincentians, including Twenty-nine (29) crew members from TUI and Carnival Cruise Lines, will be repatriated from the United Kingdom via Barbados later today, Wednesday June 3, 2020. On arrival at the AIA, the nationals will be processed according to the established repatriation protocol, aimed at minimizing the risk of any new introduction of COVID-19 to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Additional repatriations of Vincentians will continue throughout June 2020 and will include crew members from the Norwegian Cruise Line Company and Royal Caribbean Cruise Line.

By the end of today, one hundred and twenty-two (122) crew members from the Carnival Cruise Line and the Disney Cruise Line will successfully complete their mandatory quarantine.

On Saturday May 30, 2020, the two outstanding COVID-19 PCR results were received for the RCCL crew members and were both negative. This batch of results from CARPHA also confirmed the recovery of another COVID-19 positive person, bringing to fifteen (15) the

number of persons who have so far recovered from COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This means that there are now eleven (11) active cases of COVID-19 here.

The Health Subcommittee is reminding the public of the continued importance of maintaining the public health measures currently in place which include hand hygiene, cough etiquette, physical distancing of at least 3-6 feet in public spaces, the smart use of masks and strict adherence to quarantine and isolation. These measures are even more critical now that hundreds of Vincentians are returning home and intraregional travel increases.

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