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# TEN (10) NEW COVID-19 CASES

## **THREE (3) DEATHS**

Five (5) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from one hundred and forty-six (146) samples collected on Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, resulting in a positivity of 3.4%. Five (5) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

Five (5) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from ninety-one (91) samples collected on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, resulting in a positivity of 5.5%. No new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

There are currently nine (9) patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. All are unvaccinated. Twenty (20) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 wards at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. Sixteen (16) patients are unvaccinated, two (2) are partially vaccinated and two (2) patients are fully vaccinated

### **COVID-19 DEATHS**

Three (3) new deaths were recorded over the reporting period. A 36-year-old male who tested positive on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, died on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, following admission to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. The deceased had no known underlying conditions and was unvaccinated. An 83-year-old female who tested positive on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, also died on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, following admission to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. The deceased had a known underlying condition and was unvaccinated. A 90-year-old female who tested positive on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, following admission to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. The deceased had a known underlying condition and was unvaccinated. A 90-year-old female who tested positive on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, died on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, following admission to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. The deceased had known underlying conditions and was unvaccinated. Their deaths bring the death toll from COVID-19 to sixty-three (63).

### **COVID-19 SUMMARY**

Fifteen (15) new recoveries were noted over the reporting period. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four (1774) cases are currently active and sixty-three (63) persons with COVID-19 have died. Four thousand and eight hundred and sixty (4860) cases of COVID-19 and three thousand and twenty-three (3023) recoveries have been recorded in St. Vincent and the Grenadines since March 2020.

In view of the confirmed presence of the Delta, Mu and Gamma variants in the community and the significant increase in the number of new infections, transmission, severe COVID-19 disease and deaths, strict enforcement and compliance with all protocols and recommendations by everyone is strongly recommended. The correct and consistent use of masks, avoidance of crowds, physical distancing, proper hand sanitizing and immunization with available vaccines have all been proven to significantly reduce the risk of being infected, getting sick and or dying from the COVID-19 virus.

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