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TWO NEW COVID-19 CASES - ONE FROM USA AND ONE FROM ENGLAND

St. Vincent and the Grenadines today recorded two (2) new COVID-19 cases. One case is a returning national who arrived with a negative RT-PCR test result from the England on Saturday November 28, 2020, tested negative on entry screening and on day five (5) tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19. The second case is an American national who arrived from the USA also on Saturday November 28. The adult also arrived with a negative RT-PCR result, tested negative on entry screening, then positive on quarantine day five (5) testing. Both adults were in mandatory quarantine and will be isolated until cleared by two negative tests. Contact tracing and testing have commenced.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has now recorded a total of eighty-seven (87) COVID-19 cases, eighty (80) of which have recovered. There are now seven (7) active COVID-19 cases, all imported from countries categorized as high risk.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is currently classified as low risk for the transmission of COVID-19. However, some of our close neighbours such as Trinidad, St. Lucia and Martinique are classified as high risk and travelers from these countries have a higher risk of being infected with the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. All residents in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, especially those in the Southern Grenadines, North Windward and North Leeward communities of St. Vincent and the Grenadines such as Union Island, Fancy and Chateaubelair, must be especially careful and avoid any contact with persons traveling from these countries who have not been screened by our Port Health Teams.

Additionally, persons who are aware of unscreened travelers from these countries or who have themselves been in contact with such persons or who traveled to these high-risk neighbouring countries should alert their district health team. The public is reminded that most persons with COVID-19 do not have any symptoms, but can still infect persons they come into contact with.