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**TWO (2) DEATHS, FOUR (4) NEW CASES
EIGHT (8) RECOVERIES**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines today reported two (2) new COVID-19 deaths. The first is a sixty (60) year old female resident of Sandy Bay who tested positive for COVID-19 on February 6th and died at home after complaining of abdominal pain on February 8th, 2021. On Monday February 22nd a postmortem was deferred and this death has classified as caused by COVID-19.

The second death reported is of a forty-three (43) year old male who was admitted to the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital on February 10th and found to be COVID-19 positive. The patient, who had a history of hypertension, became progressively ill and was placed on a ventilator for breathing support. Despite this intervention, the patient continued to deteriorate and died at 9:40 am on Thursday 25, 2021.

A total of four (4) new COVID-19 cases were reported. Three (3) were RT-PCR results for patients seen on Wednesday, February 24th and one (1) for Thursday February 25th. A total of 209 samples were processed for February 24th, yielding a total of five (5) positives and a calculated positivity rate of 2.4% for Wednesday, February 24th.

Eight (8) persons were cleared bringing the number of total recoveries to nine hundred and thirteen (913). Six hundred and nine (609) cases remain active and eight (8) persons with COVID-19 have died. One thousand, five hundred and thirty (1530) cases of COVID-19 have been reported in St. Vincent and the Grenadines since March 2020.

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