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ONE NEW COVID-19 CASE FROM THE BVI

St. Vincent and the Grenadines today received confirmation of one new COVID-19 case. The traveler is a returning national who arrived with a negative PCR test result. The adult arrived from the BVI on November 4, having transited through Dominica and Barbados, and was negative by entry screen for COVID-19. However, on Friday November 6, the Ministry of Health of St. Vincent and the Grenadines was informed by the Ministry of Health Barbados that this traveler while in transit in Barbados was tested and a positive result returned. Subsequent in country retesting as per the existing multi-tiered system, gave a positive result. The CARPHA Public Health Lab confirmed the positive result today.

The traveler was in mandatory quarantine when their initial positive result was determined and has since been isolated in an approved facility. The traveler will remain in isolation until cleared with two negative PCR results. Contact tracing of this new case has so far revealed no additional positive cases. Further contact tracing and testing are ongoing.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has now recorded a total of seventy-seven (77) COVID-19 cases, seventy-four (74) of which have recovered. There are now three (3) active COVID-19 cases, all imported from countries categorized as "High Risk".

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