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## THIRTY-THREE (33) NEW COVID-19 CASES ONE (1) DEATH

Thirty-three (33) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from two hundred and ninety-two (292) samples collected on Monday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, resulting in a positivity of 11.3%. Nine (9) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

There are currently ten (10) patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. All are unvaccinated. Twelve (12) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 wards at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. All are unvaccinated.

#### **COVID-19 DEATHS**

A 71-year-old male who tested positive for COVID-19 on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, died on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, of COVID-19 pneumonia. The deceased was unvaccinated. His death brings the death toll from COVID-19 to seventy-three (73).

### **COVID-19 SUMMARY**

Sixty-two (62) new recoveries were noted over the reporting period. One thousand two hundred and forty-three (1243) cases are currently active and seventy-three (73) persons with COVID-19 have died. Five thousand three hundred and fifty-nine (5359) cases of COVID-19 and four thousand and forty-three (4043) 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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