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**FORTY-FOUR (44) NEW CASES
TWO (2) DEATHS**

Eighteen (18) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from one hundred and ninety (190) samples collected on Wednesday December 1st, 2021, resulting in a positivity of 9.5%. Seventeen (17) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on December 1st, 2021.

Twenty-six (26) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from one hundred and seventy (170) samples collected on Thursday December 2nd, 2021, resulting in a positivity of 15.2%. Nineteen (19) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on December 2nd, 2021.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

There are currently five (5) patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. All are unvaccinated. Five (5) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. All are unvaccinated.

COVID-19 DEATHS

Two (2) new deaths were recorded over the reporting period. A 55-year-old female who tested positive for COVID-19 on November 20th, 2021, died on December 4th, 2021. A 69-year-old male who tested positive for COVID-19 on December 4th, 2021, died on December 5th, 2021. Both patients were admitted to the COVID-19 isolation ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. The patients had known underlying conditions and were unvaccinated. Their deaths bring the death toll from COVID-19 to seventy-six (76).

COVID-19 SUMMARY

Nineteen (19) recoveries were noted over the reporting period. Four hundred and fifty-one (451) cases are currently active and seventy-six (76) persons with COVID-19 have died. Five thousand six hundred and twenty-three (5623) cases of COVID-19 and five thousand and ninety-six (5096) 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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