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**TEN (10) NEW COVID-19 CASES
ONE (1) DEATH**

NEW COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES

Ten (10) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from eighty-two (82) samples collected on Sunday October 17th, 2021, resulting in a positivity of 12.2%. One (1) of the new cases was detected on entry screening in a fully vaccinated passenger from the United States of America.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

There are currently eight (8) patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. All are unvaccinated. Thirty (30) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 wards at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. Twenty-eight (28) patients are unvaccinated, and two (2) patients are partially vaccinated.

COVID-19 DEATHS

An 82-year-old female who tested positive for COVID-19 on October 5th, 2021, died on October 17th, 2021. The patient, who was admitted to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Memorial Hospital, had underlying conditions and was unvaccinated. Her death brings the death toll from COVID-19 to fifty-four (54).

COVID-19 SUMMARY

Fifty (50) new recoveries were noted over the reporting period. One thousand six hundred and forty-three (1643) cases are currently active and fifty-four (54) persons with COVID-19 have died. Four thousand and six hundred and thirty-seven (4637) cases of COVID-19 and two thousand,

nine hundred and forty (2940) 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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