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EIGHTY-FIVE (85) NEW COVID-19 CASES

TWO (2) DEATHS

Eighty-five (85) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from three hundred and ninety-seven (397) samples processed on Tuesday September 28th, 2021, resulting in a positivity rate of 21.4%. All cases are contacts of known positive cases and persons seeking care. Forty-nine (49) rapid antigen positive results were reported for Tuesday September 28th, 2021.

Two persons died on September 29th, 2021, of COVID-19 pneumonia. One is a 62-year-old male who tested positive for COVID-19 on September 14th, was admitted to the Argyle Isolation Facility on September 20th, and later transferred to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. The second patient is a 60-year-old male who tested positive for COVID-19 on September 25th, 2021, and was admitted to the COVID-19 ward at Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. Both of the deceased had underlying conditions and were unvaccinated. Their deaths bring the death toll from COVID-19 to twenty-one (21).

There are currently twenty-two (22) patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. Twenty-one (21) are unvaccinated and one (1) patient is fully vaccinated. Fourteen (14) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. Thirteen (13) are unvaccinated and one (1) patient is partially vaccinated.

Sixteen (16) new recoveries were noted over the reporting period. One thousand and fifty-one (1051) cases are currently active and twenty-one (21) persons with COVID-19 have died. Three thousand five hundred and eight (3508) cases of COVID-19 and two thousand, four hundred and

thirty-six (2436) 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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