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**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN (113) NEW COVID-19
CASES**

TWO (2) DEATHS

One hundred and thirteen (113) COVID-19 positive cases were reported from six hundred and sixty-six (666) samples processed on Thursday September 30th, 2021, resulting in a positivity of 17%. One (1) case was detected on exit screening. All other cases are contacts of known positive cases and persons seeking care. Twenty-two (22) rapid antigen positive results were reported for Thursday September 30th, 2021.

Two (2) additional COVID-19 deaths have been recorded on October 1st, 2021. One patient is a 52-year-old female who tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th, 2021 and was referred to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. The second patient is a 47-year-old female who tested positive for COVID-19 on September 29th, 2021. Both patients died of COVID-19 pneumonia and were unvaccinated. Their deaths bring the death toll from COVID-19 to twenty-eight (28).

There are currently eighteen (18) patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. Sixteen (16) are unvaccinated and two (2) patients are fully vaccinated. Twenty-five (25) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 wards at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. Twenty-two (22) are unvaccinated, three (3) patients are fully vaccinated.

Fifty-four (54) new recoveries were noted over the reporting period. One thousand and one hundred and fifty (1150) cases are currently active and twenty-eight (28) persons with COVID-19 have died. Three thousand six hundred and seventy-six (3676) cases of COVID-19 and two

thousand, four hundred and ninety-eight (2498) 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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