



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
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COMMITTED HEALTHCARE WORKERS MAINTAINED HEALTHCARE SERVICES

The Public Service Union via a letter to the Governor General on August 23, 2021 notified that their members had taken the “decision to withdraw the labour of all essential workers of the Crown for the period September 7th - 10th, 2021”.

The Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment wishes to inform the public that during the last two and a half days of the industrial actions, health workers demonstrated their unwavering commitment and solidarity to the delivery of health care to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the healthcare system and patient care. The records, for example showed that the staff of Hospital Services provided remarkable and adequate coverage in the various service areas with the following numbers of nurses and other staff reporting for duty:

| | Tuesday 7 th September, 2021 | | | | | Wednesday 8 th September, 2021 | | | | | Thursday 9 th September, 2021 | | | | |
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| | Morning Shift | | Evening Shift | | Night Shift | Morning Shift | | Evening Shift | | Night Shift | Morning Shift | | Evening Shift | | |
| | Present | Absent | Present | Absent | | Present | Absent | Present | Absent | | Present | Absent | Present | Absent | |
| Surgical Department | 10 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 20 present 6 absent | 7 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 17 present 9 absent | 11 | 0 | 8 | 1 | |
| Medical Department | 7 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | 8 | 1 | 8 | 0 | | 9 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Paediatric Department | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 6 | 0 | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Accident & Emergency | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 | | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Operating Theatre | 10 | 2 | 6 | 1 | | 9 | 0 | 8 | 0 | | 9 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| Maternity Wards | 6 | 4 | 3 | 7 | | 2 | 8 | 3 | 4 | | 6 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Out-patient Department | Closed | | | | | 1 present 2 absent | | | | | 2 present 1 Absent | | | | |
| Argyle Isolation Centre | Full Attendance | | | | | Full Attendance | | | | | Full Attendance | | | | |

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| MMDC | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | |
| Levi Latham | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | |
| Lewis Punnett Home | Full Attendance | | | 2 staff absent | | | | | |
| Radiology | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | |
| Laboratory | Full Attendance | | | 5 absent 17 present | 1 absent | 1 present | 4 absent 17 present | 1 absent | |
| Physiotherapy | Closed | | | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | |
| Maintenance | Closed *on call | | | 2 Absent 7 Present | | | 2 Absent 7 Present | | |
| Clerical | Closed | | | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | |
| Social Work | Closed *on call | | | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | |
| Ancillary Staff | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | | Full Attendance | | |

We salute the unwavering commitment of our staff members and appreciate the patience and understanding exhibited by our patients during this time.

The Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment takes this opportunity to reassure the nation that we remain committed to providing all health care services essential to life and healthy living.

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