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Dept. of Health Announces Fourth Coronavirus Death in U.S. Virgin Islands

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Coronavirus worldwide numbers provided by John Hopkins University as of Sunday, April 26 By. JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

The Virgin Islands Department of Health on Sunday announced the fourth coronavirus death in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The announcement was made via the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency's alert system, and was also posted on D.O.H.'s website.

Neither of the government agencies provided more details relative to which island the death occurred, or information on the victim's gender or age. This story will be updated with said details once provided.

The territory now has 57 confirmed cases of the coronavirus, with two additional cases being reported on St. Croix. The island had 17 cases as of April 24, and now it has 19 cases as of April 25. St. Thomas remained unchanged at 36 positive cases, while St. John's two positive cases remained unchanged as well, according to [data provided](#) by D.O.H.

So far 776 tests have been performed, with 700 returning negative, 57 positive, and 19 pending, according to the health department. The government said 51 confirmed cases have since recovered, and four patients have died. This means the government is currently tracking only two confirmed cases.

Yet while only two positive cases are being tracked, it appears that people critically ill with the disease are either dying at home, or are being rushed to the hospital with severe coronavirus symptoms where they later expire. To give an example, the Dept. of Health announced on the night of April 17 a third coronavirus death, which occurred on St. Croix. D.O.H. said the victim was a 77-year-old man who was on a ventilator at the Juan F. Luis Hospital. Earlier the same day, however, Mr. Bryan said during his coronavirus press briefing that there was only one hospitalized case and this person was on St. Thomas ([jump to 2:58 in this video](#)).

Today appears to be the same scenario. Mr. Bryan said on Friday that, "Right now there are no Covid[-19] patients hospitalized at either of our hospitals, so that is always good." Yet today, D.O.H. reported the territory's fourth death, which means the victim either died at home, or was rushed to the hospital with severe symptoms then passed.