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V.I. Department of Health Donates Coronavirus Protection and Prevention Supplies To Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged

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ST. CROIX — Department of Health staff on Thursday presented the Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged with 136 individual coronavirus protection packages for residents and staff in an effort to increase preparedness, the Dept. of Health has made known.

The donated personal packages included facial masks, hand sanitizers, gloves, hand washing soap, and cleaning supplies, according to the release. Donations to the facility included cleaning and disinfectant supplies such as Clorox.

The St. Croix relief effort was made possible through the combined efforts of the Anderson Stewart Foundation and the D.O.H.'s partnership with local vendors like Cultured Naturals Body Care, who produced the hand sanitizer and hand washing soap on St. Croix. Similar relief efforts are planned for the St. Thomas/St. John District.

Ana Velez-Martinez, director of Residential Services at the Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged, said, "We appreciate the donations because I call my staff heroes. They have been able to protect themselves and the residents and keep COVID-19 away from the facility. I applaud them and welcome the much-needed donations."

Health Commissioner Justa Encarnacion also extended her appreciation and a special thank you to Ramone Reid, from the Anderson Stewart Foundation, to Cultured Naturals Body Care Management, to the Staff and Residents of Herbert Grigg Homes and to the entire Department of Health staff.