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## Dept. of Health Reported 32 New Coronavirus Cases Between Friday and Saturday

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The V.I. Department of Health reported 32 new cases of the novel coronavirus between Friday and Saturday: 15 and 17 new cases respectively.

As of Saturday, 9,440 tests were performed territory-wide, with 8,979 returning negative and 438 positive. The department said it was tracking 81 active cases as of Saturday, and 349 people had recovered while 8 individuals have died from the virus.

St. Thomas cases continue to increase, according to D.O.H.'s data. The island accounted for 7 of the 17 cases for August 1st [according to the D.O.H. infographic](#), while St. Croix accounted for 9 and St. John 1. When the territory started experiencing a surge in coronavirus cases in July, St. Croix, and more pointedly Limetree Bay, accounted for most of the cases. On July 31, St. Croix

accounted for only 1 case, while St. Thomas saw the remaining 14 cases, according to [D.O.H.](#) St. John was unchanged at 16 confirmed cases on July 31.

St. Thomas has also overtaken St. Croix as the island having the most active cases with 43 to St. Croix's 36 as of Saturday. St. John had 2 active cases as of Saturday.

At least 5 of the cases in St. Thomas reported over the weekend were transmitted through community spread, while 2 cases were transmitted via close contact. St. Croix also saw an increase in community spread over the last few days, with D.O.H. reporting 5 such cases and 6 close contact transmissions on the Big Island.

Governor Albert Bryan will hold a press briefing at 1:00 pm today to update the territory on his administration's efforts to combat the virus.

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