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USVI's 16th Covid-19 Death is 59-Year-Old Man From St. John

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The V.I. Department of Health on Thursday night announced that the coronavirus has taken the life of another Virgin Islander, the 16th Covid-19 related death in the territory.

"After further investigating cause of death and ensuring notification of next of kin, the Virgin Islands Department of Health is saddened to confirm the territory's sixteenth death related to COVID-19. The deceased is a 59-year old male on St. John," D.O.H. said in a statement.

The latest death came three days after the 15th fatality — [a 49-year-old St. Thomas man](#).

The deaths come as D.O.H. has been reporting a decline in positive cases over the past few days. The department reported only one Covid-19 infection on Wednesday, and four cases Tuesday.

Health Commissioner Justa Encarnacion told the Consortium Thursday night that the data being released tonight will show a low number of infections as well.

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Governor Albert Bryan has extended to Sept. 8 a Stay-at-Home that was scheduled to expire Monday. The order [calls for](#) the closure of non-essential businesses, beaches on weekends from 12 noon, and the halting of most lodging reservations to the USVI, among other directives.

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