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Covid-19 Forces Cancellation of UVI Athletics' Playing Season for Spring 2021

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The University of the Virgin Islands Athletics Department has made the decision to cancel its playing season for Spring 2021 due to surging COVID-19 cases across the United States, UVI has announced. According to the release, Covid-19 has directly impacted all levels of intercollegiate athletics and is projected to rise within the US southeastern hemisphere.

“The health and safety of our student athletes, as well as our coaches, staff and all stakeholders will always be our top priority,” said Dr. Jerel Drew, UVI athletics director.

An increase of cases in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Louisiana, the competition states for all UVI athletic competition is expected to reach an all-time high. In light of this, the Athletics Department has concluded that the risks are far too great for student athletes and staff to travel, UVI said.

“We will take this time to focus on relaunching and rebranding our department,” said Mr. Drew. “We will also focus on our local recruitment, sponsorships, community service and alumni engagement.”

The playing season is expected to relaunch in the Fall of 2021. “We look forward to the excitement Fall 2021 will bring for UVI athletics,” the director said.