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LT. Gov. Roach Reminds Medicare Beneficiaries of Covid-19 Vaccination and Test Coverage

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Lieutenant Governor Tregenza Roach, who also serves as the Virgin Islands commissioner of Insurance, is reminding Medicare beneficiaries that Medicare provides coverage for FDA-approved Covid-19 vaccines. Medicare also covers Covid-19 tests, Covid-19 antibody tests, and Covid-19 monoclonal antibody treatments.

"I encourage Virgin Islands Medicare beneficiaries to review their plan regarding COVID-19 testing and vaccinations," Mr. Roach said. "Medicare beneficiaries pay zero costs for COVID-19 vaccines if they have [Medicare Part B \(Medical Insurance\)](#) or if they are enrolled in a [Medicare Advantage Plan](#). If beneficiaries have [Medicare Part A \(Hospital Insurance\)](#) only, they still will not incur a cost for the vaccine."

According to the release, beneficiaries should walk with their red, white, and blue Medicare card when going to a health care provider or pharmacy. If there is a form to complete that asks for the insurer's group number, that field should be left blank, Mr. Roach said.

For additional information and questions regarding vaccine or testing coverage, Medicare beneficiaries may contact the Virgin Islands State Health Insurance Assistance Program Medicare offices which fall under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

In the St. Thomas/St. John District at Nisky Center, beneficiaries can call 340-774-2991, extension 4507. In the St. Croix District at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center at 340-773-6449 extension 3151 or 3152. Beneficiaries may also call 1-800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov for more information.