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# Winners of First \$100k 'Vax-to-Win' Lottery Announced

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**From left, Grethel Smith from the St. Croix District, and Ronald Mosholder from the St. Thomas-St. John District. By. GOV'T HOUSE**

The Bryan administration has announced the winners of the first "Vax-to-Win" lottery drawing, an initiative aimed at encouraging people to get vaccinated against Covid-19.

The winners were announced during the administration's weekly press briefing as Grethel Smith from the District of St. Croix, who won \$100,000, and Ronald Mosholder from the St. Thomas-St. John District, who also won \$100,000.

The drawings are conducted by the V.I. Lottery, which was present at Gov't House Monday to make the announcement.

"Now you see... you could win too," Mr. Bryan said following the announcement. "All you've got to do is go get that vaccine today. If you got it already, all the better, you're in the roll to win. Every week now for the next ten weeks we'll be rolling out that winner and telling you who that is."

The announcements come as the territory is experiencing a marked increase in Covid-19 cases, with what health officials believe is a result of the Delta variant circulating in the territory.

According to the V.I. Dept. of Health, as of Monday there were 157 active Covid-19 cases territory-wide, seventy on St. Croix, eighty-one on St. Thomas and two on St. John. The territory's positivity rate climbed to 4.5 percent from 3.5 percent last week, according D.O.H. Territorial Epidemiologist Dr. Esther Ellis.