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Bryan Announces New Vaccine Incentives In Hope of Vaccinating 15,000 More Virgin Islanders; Latest Winners of 'Vax-to-Win' Lottery Announced

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Vax-to-Win \$100,000 Lottery Winners Naita Salmon on St. Croix and Raphael Farrington in the St. Thomas-St. John District.

Governor Albert Bryan said Monday individuals who take their second vaccine dose will receive \$250, a reward that is good through September 30. The governor also announced a special “Vax-to-Win” lottery for healthcare workers as he seeks to accomplish a goal of 15,000 new vaccinations by the end of September.

Before announcing the \$250 incentive, Mr. Bryan said, "I finally broke down and said ok, we got to make sure we use every single incentive possible to get people vaccinated. So from today until September 30 every single person that gets vaccinated, the second shot we will be issuing you a check for \$250 dollars."

He added that individuals who receive the \$250 will still be eligible for the "Vax-to-Win" lottery.

There will be a special drawing dubbed "Healthcare Heroes" for healthcare workers, which includes selfsame prizes as the drawings for [school-based personnel](#). The drawing will take place on October 4 and winners will be announced on October 12. Eligible persons for the drawing must be registered by Oct. 1.

"To win you simply have to prove that you are employed at a healthcare or allied healthcare facility at the time of the drawing, that you have been fully vaccinated in the Virgin Islands and that you are indeed a resident of the territory," the governor made known.

Eligible persons can register for the special drawing [here](#).

Mr. Bryan said six winners from the special drawing for school-based personnel will be announced on August 16 during next week's press conference. In each district there was a first place winner who will receive \$25,000, a second-place winner who will receive \$10,000, and a third-place winner who will receive \$5,000. The winners have been contacted and their information was being validated, according to the governor.

Winners of Vax-to-Win Lottery

Raymond Williams, director of Virgin Islands Lottery, announced the winners of the July 30 "Vax-to-Win" lottery drawing: Naita Salmon on St. Croix and Raphael Farrington in the St. Thomas-St. John District.

Both winners are fully vaccinated and will receive \$100,000 each.

Latest Covid Data

Health Commissioner Justa Encarnacion said there were 336 active cases in the territory as of Monday, with 201 of those cases on St. Thomas, 121 on St. Croix and 14 on St. John. The current seven-day positive rate for the territory stood at 5.48 percent, according to the health commissioner.

After stating that 47,192 individuals have taken at least one dose of the Covid vaccine and 38,268 individuals were fully vaccinated, Ms. Encarnacion said, "That's not enough, it's a good amount but it actually only shows that 42.46 percent of the population have been fully immunized."

Ms. Encarnacion said 349 total monoclonal antibody infusion treatments have been administered at the Schneider Regional Medical Center and the Myrah Keating Community Healthcare Center, with 58 of those treatments given in August. At Juan F. Luis Hospital there have been 75 total monoclonal antibody infusion treatments administered, with 13 of those treatments given this month.

There have been 40 Covid-related deaths in the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Bryan said of the 47,000 people who have been vaccinated, 65 have tested positive for Covid-19.

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