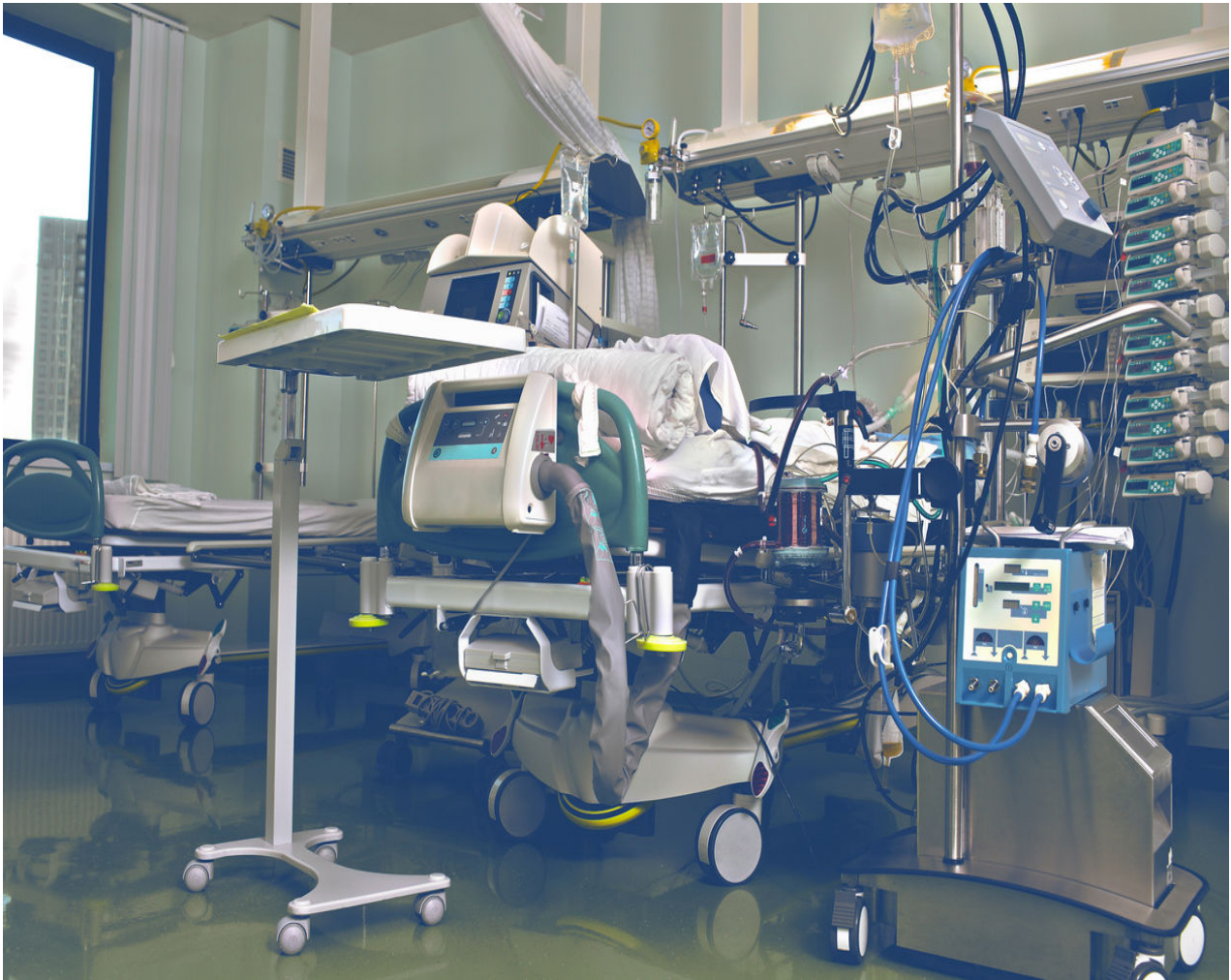


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V.I. Dept. of Health Announces Death of 96-Year-Old Man as Territory's 85th Related to Covid-19

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The recent death of a 96-year-old man in the USVI was a result of Covid-19, the V.I. Dept. of Health has announced. The victim was the territory's 85th to die of causes related to the virus.

"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 eighty-fifth death related to Covid-19. The deceased is a 96-year-old male on St. Croix," D.O.H. announced Friday evening.

The U.S. Virgin Islands, which in recent times had been experiencing a decrease in Covid-19 infections, saw cases climb in the past few days, with total active infections rising to 98 as of Thursday, up from 56 on Monday, or an increase of 48.

Governor Albert Bryan told the Consortium [earlier this week](#) that he would ease Covid restrictions further on the Monday following Thanksgiving.

"We're going to ease down on the restrictions again because it's been three weeks now and so far so good, knock on wood," the governor said. "So the restaurants, the ferries, the maximum people in any place at one time — all of those are going to change."

One change the governor provided more details on is allowing facilities hosting events to have a maximum capacity of 150 with both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. The current limit is 100, which Mr. Bryan [announced on Oct. 26](#) and again confirmed to the Consortium Wednesday. The administration's Covid-19 Task Force routinely disregards Mr. Bryan's directives on the matter, as they continue to advise owners of entertainment facilities that the limit for events allowing a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals is 50. The governor will have to make clear on Nov. 29 his latest directives, and see to it that they are not flouted by the task force.

For vaccinated events, the capacity is expected to remain at 250 and those events must seek permission from the territory's Health commissioner. The Health commissioner may also allow events with more than 250 vaccinated individuals at her discretion.