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## JFL Welcomes First USVI Baby of 2022

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**Shainna Acosta holds her son, Immanuel Acosta — the territory's first baby for 2022 — after giving birth to him on Jan. 1, 2022 at 12:55 a.m. By. THE JUAN F. LUIS HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER**

The Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center announced Sunday night the birth of the first baby to be born in the territory this year, baby boy Immanuel Acosta, born on January 1, 2022 at 12:55 a.m.

Immanuel was born 6 pounds, 11 ounces and is thriving, active and observant. His proud mother Shainna Acosta named him Immanuel because she wanted a biblical name that would remind of God's goodness even in times of great difficulty. In Hebrew, Immanuel means "God with us."

"I am thankful for the staff at JFL and my midwife for an excellent birth experience. I look forward to taking Immanuel home to meet his siblings – they are so excited to meet their new little brother," said Ms. Acosta, according to JFL.

"JFL is proud to celebrate the birth of Immanuel and has gifted this new family with gifts from the JFL team, including a travel system, diapers, wipes, blankets, toys, and clothing," said JFL Chief Legal Counsel and spokesperson, Chivonne Thomas. "We thank Ms. Acosta for trusting us with her birth experience. Congratulations Acosta family."

The first child to born in the territory last year was [baby Je'Quan Joseph, Jr.](#) from St. Thomas, who came on Jan. 2, 2021 at 3:05 a.m. to parents Keneisha Daniel and Je'Quan Jahmoy Joseph Sr., according to the Schneider Regional Medical Center. At birth he weighed 7 pounds, 10.4 ounces.