

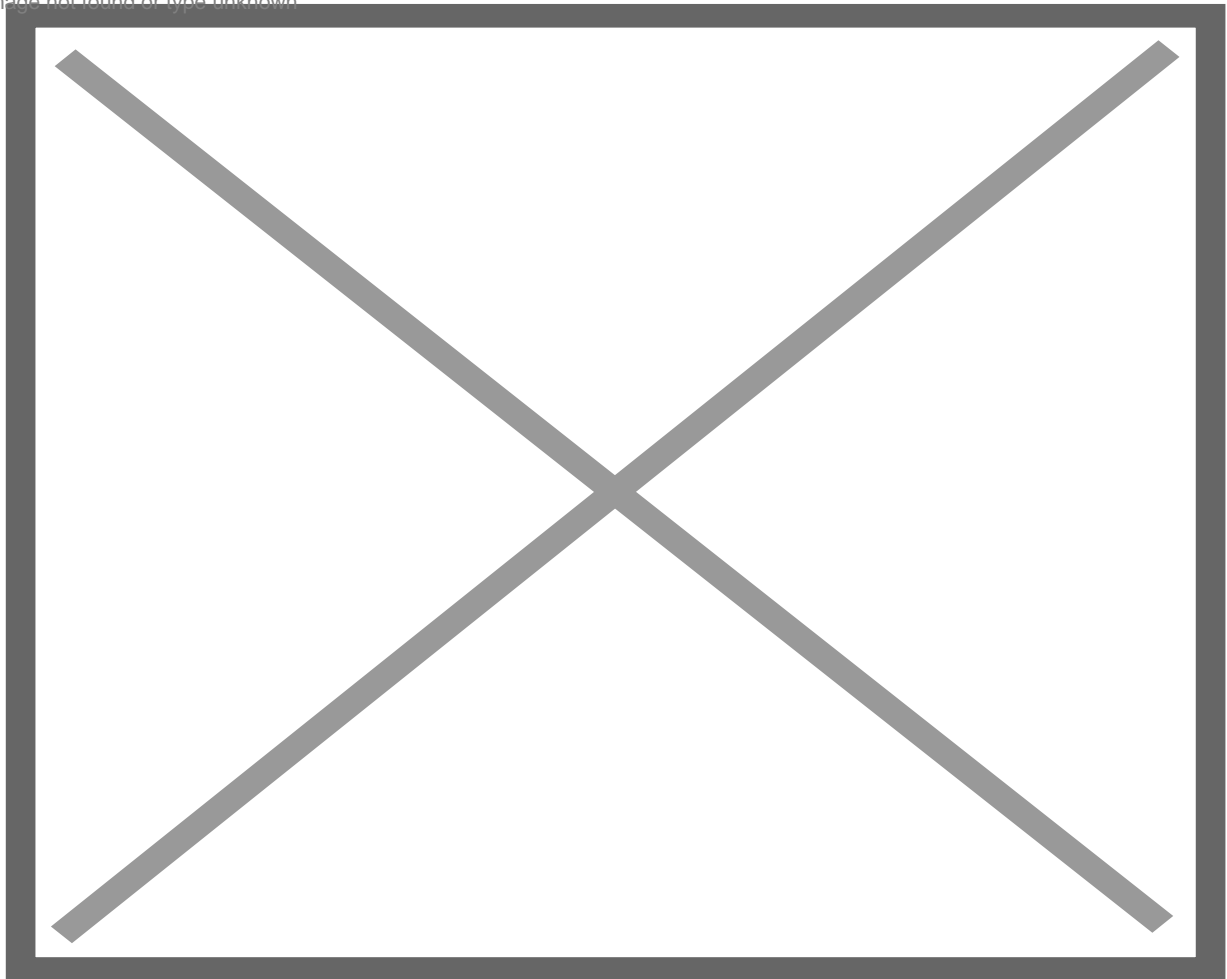
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## 97th Covid-Related Death in USVI Announced

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The V.I. Dept. of Health on Monday announced the 97th death related to Covid-19 in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The latest announcement follows the [95th](#) and [96th](#) deaths announced Friday, and the 92nd, 93rd and 94th [announced last Tuesday](#), for a total of six Covid-related deaths in one week.

Relative to today's announcement, D.O.H. said, "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 97th death related to COVID-19. The deceased is a 77-year-old male on St. Croix."

**Omicron Wave in USVI Subsiding**

The Omicron wave of Covid-19 that affected the U.S. Virgin Islands earlier this month when active cases neared 4,000, has been subsiding in recent weeks, with cases dropping to 1,162 territory-wide as of Saturday as residents continue to recover from the variant. Omicron has proven to be much weaker than Covid-19 strains before it, including Delta.

According to data provided by the V.I. Dept of Health, St. Croix accounted for 661 of total active infections, followed by St. Thomas with 414, and St. John with 87. The positivity rate fell to 9.45 percent from a high of 24.30 percent at the peak of the Omicron surge.

Government offices are expected to return to regular in-person operation beginning today, and all public schools for the first time since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, will be open for in-person learning starting on various dates throughout this week. See full schedule [here](#).

Additionally, the restriction the Bryan administration placed on travel that requires both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals to provide a negative Covid-19 test taken within 72 hours when traveling to the USVI, will expire at the end of January barring an extension from the Bryan administration.