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V.I. Dept. of Health Reports 102nd Covid-Related Death in USVI

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The V.I. Dept. of Health on Thursday announced the 102nd death in the U.S. Virgin Islands related to Covid-19, after announcing [on Monday the 100th and 101st](#).

"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 one hundred and second death related to Covid-19. The deceased is a 78-year-old male on St. Croix," D.O.H. said.

Governor Albert Bryan on Tuesday lifted the restriction that required Virgin Islanders vaccinated against Covid-19 in the territory to show proof of a negative Covid-19 test

when traveling to the USVI.

Speaking during the administration's weekly Covid-19 press briefing, Lt. Gov. Tregenza Roach, sitting for Governor Albert Bryan who was in Washington, also said Virgin Islanders who are not vaccinated and are traveling home will now need to show a negative Covid-19 test taken within five days of one's scheduled travel back to the USVI, instead of the narrower window of 72 hours. The orders took effect on Wednesday.

Governor Bryan on Sunday told the Consortium that all Omicron-induced restrictions would be lifted by next week, however the administration has decided to address the travel matter this week.

The move comes as Covid-19 cases continue to fall from record-shattering infections realized during the Omicron surge in late December and early January. As of Wednesday there were 472 active Covid-19 infections territory-wide, with St. Croix accounting for 304 of those cases, followed by St. Thomas with 147, and St. John with 21, according to [D.O.H. data](#). The local positivity rate stood at 4.87 percent, down from over 24 percent during the height of the Omicron surge.