

# The Virgin Islands Consortium

## Dept. of Health to Host In-Person HIV Summit March 10-11

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The VI Department of Health, Chronic Disease Division, the Primary Care Development Corporation, and the Northeast/Caribbean AIDS Education and Training Center have collaborated to bring a two-day HIV Summit to the territory on Thursday, March 10th and Friday, March 11th at the University of the Virgin Islands St. Croix Campus.

Combining their resources, D.O.H. and its partners aim to eliminate HIV and related stigmas while linking Virgin Islanders to modern HIV care and support services, stated a release issued Wednesday. “We are excited to strengthen HIV care services in the territory as we approach our goal of getting to zero and ending the HIV epidemic in the USVI by 2030,” said Robert Thompson, HIV prevention coordinator for the Dept. of

Health Communicable Disease Division.

D.O.H. said various local and visiting speakers will present updated clinical guidelines and innovative HIV prevention and treatment approaches. Primary care providers, allied health care professionals, primary care health teams, community organizations, community health workers, and people with lived experience are encouraged to register today, according to the release.

To be as safe as possible, this is a fully vaccinated event, and masks are required. If you will not be fully vaccinated by those dates, register, and D.O.H. will send you a link to stream the plenary sessions. Individual sessions and workshops will not be streamed, according to the release.

Registration for the HIV Summit 2022 is open. Help bring the number of new HIV infections to our territory to zero. Register at: <https://bit.ly/HIVSummit> If you have any questions, please email [robert.thompson@doh.vi.gov](mailto:robert.thompson@doh.vi.gov) or PCDC at [HIP@pcdc.org](mailto:HIP@pcdc.org).

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