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V.I. Dept. of Health Issues Warning as Covid Numbers Rise

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The V.I. Dept. of Health on Saturday issued a warning to Virgin Islanders regarding [rising Covid-19 cases](#), while urging residents to practice safety protocols — including social distancing and wearing of masks when in large crowds, especially when in enclosed environments.

“Our Covid-19 active cases are at 152: 75 on St. Croix, 70 on St. Thomas, 7 on St. John, and our territorial positivity rate is now at 5.46 percent. This health warning is being put in place to keep you safe,” said Justa Encarnacion, V.I. Dept. of Health commissioner.

She said the Juan F. Luis Hospital as of Saturday reported one Covid-19 positive inpatient. "Our goal is to keep our hospitalizations low and schools open by keeping you healthy," Ms. Encarnacion stated.

D.O.H. Infectious Disease Specialist Dr. Tai Hunte-Ceasar said, "Every one of us plays a critical role in increasing or decreasing the territory's active cases and guides you to get tested if you are symptomatic, report positive home tests for better tracking of cases, and seek access to the antivirals available at our local pharmacies or monoclonal antibodies available at each hospital-based clinic".

D.O.H. said persons who are sick, have tested positive and need a referral for Covid therapeutics can call the Epidemiology Hotline at (340) 712-6299 or (340) 776-1519.