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Bryan Announces Administrative Leave for Carnival Season; Promotes \$250 Gift Card Incentive For Anyone Who Gets Vaccinated in April

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V.I. Carnival in St. Thomas in 2019. By. REEMY-REEMZ
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Government House announced Wednesday that Governor Albert Bryan has issued a proclamation granting administrative leave for non-essential government employees next week for carnival celebrations.

The administrative leave schedule is:

- Wednesday, April 27 – Government employees in the St. Thomas-Water Island-St. John District are granted leave from 1 to 5 p.m. for the Food Fair.
- Thursday, April 28 – Government employees in the St. Thomas-Water Island-St. John District are granted leave from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for J'ouvert.
- Friday, April 29 – government employees territory-wide are granted administrative leave from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to the release, during the carnival festivities, the V.I. Department of Health is urging residents to protect themselves and their loved ones by following the recommended guidelines on hand-washing and social distancing, especially with persons with whom they do not reside. D.O.H. is also recommending that residents wear masks, especially when in large crowds.

The health department will have a van and a tent at the Carnival Village and will provide Covid-19 vaccines during the season, as well as Covid-19, HIV and STD testing, each night from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Additionally, anyone who becomes fully vaccinated through April 30, whether at the clinics or at the Village or Food Fair, will receive the \$250 incentive gift card.