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Bryan Administration Released 5,152 Refund Checks Last Week, Another 5,513 Going Out This Week - Over 8,000 Are for Tax Year 2020

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The Bryan administration is in the process of releasing over 10,000 tax refunds, with most of the checks being for residents who filed their 2020 taxes, according to Gov't House.

The administration said Tuesday that Virgin Islanders who filed their 2020 taxes on time and did not have any issues with their returns will receive the bulk of the refunds — 8,637 of the checks.

According to Richard Motta, the administration's communications director, 5,152 checks went out last week and another 5,513 are scheduled for issuance later this week. The latest distribution of refunds totals \$25 million.

“This latest round of payments brings the Bryan-Roach Administration closer to its goal of paying refunds owed to tax filers in the same year they file their returns – something that has not been accomplished in the past,” Mr. Motta said.

Administrators’ Offices Impacted by Covid-19

Gov’t House said some agencies and departments of the government are still being impacted by Covid-19. The administration said residents having trouble contacting those offices directly can get assistance by contacting the Office of the Administrator on each island.

“Even as we move to treat Covid-19 as an endemic, and although—knock on wood—the virus’ impact on our community is less severe than in the past, there are still real-world impacts, mainly the disruption of regular operation to many of our government agencies and offices,” Mr. Motta said.

For assistance, residents can contact:

- Administrator Sammuel Sanes on St. Croix, at 340-773-1404.
- Administrator Avery Lewis on St. Thomas and Water Island at 340-774-0001.
- Administrator Shikima Jones-Sprauve on St. John at 340-474-5762.

Covid-19 cases as of June 21

- 7.67% seven-day positivity rate
- Currently tracking 184 active cases (134 STX; 49 STT; 1 STJ)
- 435,007 tested
- 20,669 tested positive
- 414,338 tested negative
- 118 COVID-19-related fatalities
- There are 3 COVID-19 patients hospitalized, with none on a ventilator, at Luis Hospital on St. Croix.
- There is 1 COVID-19 patient hospitalized, not on a ventilator, at Schneider Regional Medical Center on St. Thomas.?

Positive test results from a home COVID-19 test should be confirmed, and confirmation is absolutely necessary if medical therapeutic treatment with an oral antiviral or monoclonal antibodies is to be prescribed.

Confirmation testing can be arranged by calling the COVID-19 hotline at 340-712-6299 on St. Croix or 340-776-1519 on St. Thomas. The hotline is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and testing appointments can be made online at <http://www.Covid19USVI.com/testing>.

Free Vaccinations

The Community Vaccination Center (CVC) at Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and on Wednesdays on St. John at the V.I. Port Authority gravel lot.

Free vaccinations at the CVC at the Charles Harwood Complex on St. Croix are available by appointment, which can be made by calling 340-777-8227 or by going to <http://www.covid19usvi.com/vaccines>. Walk-ins also are available.

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