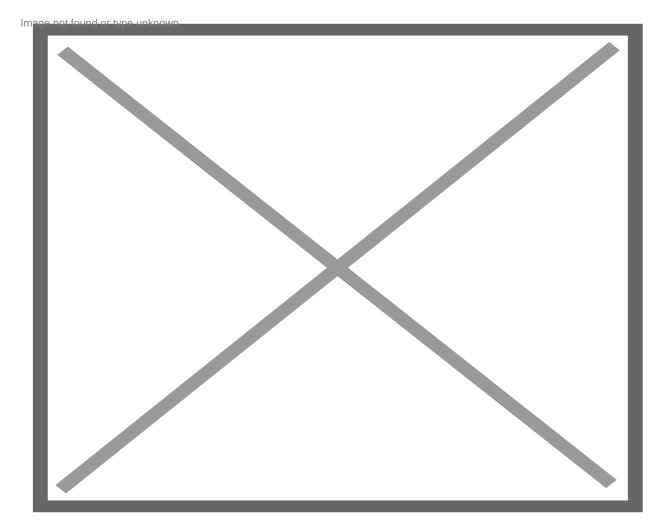
Covid Takes Another Life in U.S. Virgin Islands, Bringing Total Deaths Since Pandemic to 123

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The V.I. Dept. of Health announced Friday that another Virgin Islander has died as a result of complications tied to Covid-19.

"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 twenty-third (123rd) death related to Covid-19," D.O.H. said in a release. "The deceased is a 68-year-old female on St. Thomas."

The department said it continues to work to slow the spread of the coronavirus and encourages the public to become fully vaccinated and boosted. "Residents are also urged to continue following all precautionary measures by practicing social distancing and wearing a mask in crowded public

areas, cleaning frequently used areas thoroughly, and washing your hands often with soap and warm water," D.O.H. said.

As of Friday there were 198 active cases territory-wide: 118 on St. Croix, 77 on St. Thomas, and 3 on St. John, <u>according to the health department</u>. The seven-day positivity rate stood at 10.95 percent.

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