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**PRESS RELEASE  
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**TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN (215) NEW CASES  
ONE (1) DEATH  
THREE (3)OMICRON CASES**

Ninety-one (91) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from three hundred and seventy-seven (377) samples collected on Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, resulting in a positivity of 24.1%. Eighty-four (84) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Sixty-one (61) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from three hundred and forty-four (344) samples collected on Friday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, resulting in a positivity of 17.7%. Eighty-Eight (88) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Forty-eight (48) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from two hundred and forty-five (245) samples collected on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, resulting in a positivity of 19.6%. Thirty-nine (39) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from the flu clinics on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

No new COVID-19 cases were reported from nine (9) samples collected Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Twenty-two (22) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Fifteen (15) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from forty-seven (47) samples collected on Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, resulting in a positivity of 31.9%. One hundred and eleven (111) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from the flu clinics on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**OMICRON CASES**

Sequencing results received from CARPHA on January 10, 2022 and January 11, 2022, confirmed the presence of the Omicron variant of concern in two (2) samples taken on December 27, 2021 and one (1) sample taken on December 28, 2021 from persons with no travel history.

## **HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS**

There are currently no patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. Seventeen (17) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, six (6) of whom are vaccinated, eleven (11) patients are unvaccinated.

## **COVID-19 DEATHS**

One (1) new death was recorded over the reporting period. A 68-year-old female, with pre-existing conditions, died at home on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 after a respiratory illness with features typical of COVID-19. A postmortem test for COVID-19 was positive confirming that the cause of death was a COVID-19 pneumonia. She was fully vaccinated. Her death brings the death toll from COVID-19 to eighty-five (85).

## **COVID-19 SUMMARY**

Thirty-six (36) recoveries were noted over the reporting period. Nine hundred and fourteen (914) cases are currently active and eighty-five (85) persons with COVID-19 have died. Six thousand five hundred and sixty-two (6562) cases of COVID-19 and five thousand and five hundred and sixty-three (5563) recoveries have been recorded in St. Vincent and the Grenadines since March 2020.

In view of the confirmed presence of the Delta, Mu, Gamma, and Omicron variants in the community and the significant increase in the number of new infections, transmission, severe COVID-19 disease and deaths, strict enforcement and compliance with all protocols and recommendations by everyone is strongly recommended. The public is reminded to always wear a properly fitting mask, get vaccinated and boosted and seek care early.

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