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**ONE (1) PCR AND FIFTY-FIVE (55) RAPID ANTIGEN NEW
CASES**

One (1) new COVID-19 positive case was reported from fourteen (14) samples collected on Friday January 14th, 2022, resulting in a positivity of 7.1%. Fifty-five (55) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on January 14th, 2022.

The current COVID-19 testing algorithm, based on the WHO recommendations appropriate for this phase of the current outbreak, reduces the number of RT-PCR tests conducted, relying more on rapid antigen testing and clinical diagnosis.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

There are currently no patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. Twenty-three (23) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, five (5) of whom are vaccinated, one (1) patient is partially vaccinated, and seventeen (17) patients are unvaccinated.

COVID-19 DEATHS

No new deaths were recorded over the reporting period.

COVID-19 SUMMARY

Eight (8) recoveries were noted over the reporting period. Nine hundred and three (903) cases are currently active and eighty-seven (87) persons with COVID-19 have died. Six thousand five hundred and ninety-nine (6599) cases of COVID-19 and five thousand and six hundred and nine (5609) recoveries have been recorded in St. Vincent and the Grenadines since March 2020.

In view of the confirmed presence of the Omicron as the dominant variant 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 are 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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