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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**THIRTY-ONE (31) NEW PCR AND NINETY-FIVE (95) RAPID  
ANTIGEN CASES**

Eighteen (18) new PCR COVID-19 positive cases were reported from twenty-nine (29) samples collected on Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, resulting in a positivity of 62.1%. Fifty (50) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Thirteen (13) new PCR COVID-19 positive cases were reported from twenty-six (26) samples collected on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, resulting in a positivity of 50.0%. Forty-five (45) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS**

There are currently no patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. Twenty-eight (28) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, two (2) of whom are pregnant and one (1) of whom is younger than eighteen.

Six (6) of the admitted patients are vaccinated, two (2) patient are partially vaccinated, and twenty (20) patients are unvaccinated.

**COVID-19 DEATHS**

No new deaths were recorded over the reporting period.

**COVID-19 SUMMARY**

Twenty-three (23) recoveries were noted over the reporting period. Eight hundred and eighty-one (881) cases are currently active and ninety (90) persons with COVID-19 have died. Six thousand six hundred and forty-six (6646) cases of COVID-19 and five thousand and six hundred and

seventy-five (5675) 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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