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**PRESS RELEASE**

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*Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines*

**TWENTY-SIX (26) NEW CASES**

Twenty-six (26) new COVID-19 positive cases were reported from one hundred and fifty-six (156) samples collected on Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, resulting in a positivity of 16.7%. Thirteen (13) new rapid antigen positive results were reported from flu clinics on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS**

There are currently two (2) patients admitted for COVID-19 at the Argyle Isolation Facility. One (1) patient is fully vaccinated, and the other patient (1) patient is unvaccinated. Ten (10) patients are admitted to the COVID-19 ward at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. One (1) patient is fully vaccinated and nine (9) are unvaccinated.

**COVID-19 DEATHS**

No new deaths were recorded.

**COVID-19 SUMMARY**

Fourteen (14) recoveries were noted over the reporting period. Five hundred and ninety-four (594) cases are currently active and seventy-nine (79) persons with COVID-19 have died. Five thousand eight hundred and ten (5810) cases of COVID-19 and five thousand and one hundred and thirty-seven (5137) recoveries have been recorded in St. Vincent and the Grenadines since March 2020.

In view of the confirmed presence of the Delta, Mu and Gamma 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 correct and consistent use of masks, avoidance of crowds, physical distancing, proper hand sanitizing and immunization with available vaccines have all been proven to significantly reduce the risk of being infected, getting sick and or dying from the COVID-19 virus.

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