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**SIXTEEN (16) NEW CASES – FIVE (5) IMPORTED AND
ELEVEN (11) UNDER INVESTIGATION**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines today confirmed sixteen (16) new COVID-19 cases. Five (5) non-national adult travelers arrived from the USA and the UK between December 26th and January 3rd with negative PCR tests. Subsequent testing during the quarantine period revealed positive PCR results. These travelers remain isolated until cleared by two (2) negative results.

Eleven (11) adult nationals without a recent travel history have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total to twenty-eight (28). Ten (10) can be linked to the previously identified positive cases. The eleventh (11th) is being investigated. Contact tracing, linking and testing related to all of these local cases are ongoing.

Persons with flu-like symptoms such as sore throat, fever and cough are asked to go to the district Flu Clinics for testing and care. The Flu Clinics in the nine health districts are:

1. **Kingstown Health District** – Kingstown Health Centre
2. **Pembroke Health District** – Buccament Polyclinic, Layou Health Centre,
3. **Chateaubelair (North Leeward) Health District** – Coull's Hill Health Centre, Chateaubelair SMART Hospital
4. **Marriagua Health District** – Levi Latham Health Complex, Evesham Health Centre, Lowmans Windward Health Centre
5. **Calliaqua Health District** – Stubbs Polyclinic, Belair Health Centre
6. **Cedars Health District** – Biabou Health Centre, South Rivers Health Centre

7. **Georgetown (North Windward) Health District** – Georgetown SMART Hospital, Sandy Bay Health Centre, Owia Health Center, Fancy Health Centre
8. **Northern Grenadines Health District** – Port Elizabeth Hospital
9. **Southern Grenadines Health District** – Celena Clouden Hospital, Myreau Health Centre, Canounan Health Centre.

Persons and their companions seeking care at any health care facility must wear facial coverings. Patients are advised that they will be screened for COVID-19.

The public is strongly urged to continue to wear facial coverings, sanitize their hands regularly and maintain physical distancing when possible.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has now recorded one hundred and forty-nine (149) cases of COVID-19. One hundred (100) persons have recovered and forty-nine (49) remain active. All positive cases will continue to be isolated until cleared by two negative tests.

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