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MORE THAN 150 VINCENTIANS TO BE REPATRIATED

More than one hundred and fifty (150) Vincentians will be repatriated by sea and air during the week of June 14 to 20, 2020. Nineteen (19) Vincentians studying in Barbados will arrive today Sunday June 14, at the Argyle International Airport, while fifty-nine (59) Crew Members from Royal Caribbean Cruise Line (RCCL) and three (3) from Disney Cruise Lines (DCL), will arrive at Port Kingstown tomorrow June 15. Crew members employed by the Norwegian Cruise Line company are scheduled to arrive later this week. On arrival the nationals will be processed according to the established risk based repatriation protocols, aimed at minimizing any new introduction of COVID-19 to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Outstanding COVID-19 PCR results received from the CARPHA Public Health Lab over the past week revealed no new positive cases. St. Vincent and the Grenadines therefore continues to have two (2) active COVID-19 cases of a total of twenty-seven (27) recorded positive cases.

A post mortem conducted on the repatriated RCCL Crew member who sadly died on Tuesday June 9, confirmed that his death was unrelated to COVID-19.

The Health Services Subcommittee is reminding the public that it is still very important to maintain the public health measures previously advised, which include hand hygiene, cough etiquette, physical distancing of at least 3-6 feet in public spaces where feasible, the smart use of masks and strict adherence to quarantine and isolation. These measures are even more critical as more Vincentians return home and intraregional travel increases.

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