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ONE MORE COVID-19 CASE FROM SWEDEN

St. Vincent and the Grenadines today confirmed one (1) new COVID-19 case. The new case belongs to the group of Swedish travelers who arrived in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on August 19 from Grenada with negative PCR results for tests done on August 15, 2020. The adult, a close contact of the last two positive cases announced on August 26, initially tested negative during the first round of contact tracing. Continued screening, as per the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment's testing protocols, has now revealed this close contact as positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19.

Extensive testing of all other possible contacts has not revealed any other positive cases or exposure to SARS-Cov-2. Further testing will continue.

Yesterday, Monday August 31, 2020 St. Vincent and the Grenadines introduced updated 'Protocols for the Entry of Travelers.' All travelers, regardless of country of origin, must arrive with a negative PCR test result. Countries have been categorized according to their level of COVID-19 disease. This will determine the quarantine of travelers from these countries when they arrive in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Additional measures, aimed at increased surveillance, are being implemented throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

All passengers who arrived on Air Canada 980 on Thursday August 27, have been cleared.

All passengers who arrived of AA 945 on Saturday August 29, will start receiving their quarantine day 4-5 PCR tests tomorrow September 2.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has now recorded a total of sixty-one (61) COVID-19 cases, fifty-seven (57) of which have recovered. There are now four (4) active COVID-19 cases.

The public is urged to comply with all of the public health measures currently in place in St. Vincent and the Grenadines which are designed to keep COVID-19 contained.

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