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Subject: Medical Clearance for Original Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in SVG

The Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment just announced a second confirmed case of COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on the basis of laboratory results received from the Caribbean Public Health Agency.

The Ministry would now like to take this opportunity to inform the public the initial confirmed case of COVID-19 in SVG has received medical clearance. In order for medical clearance to be issued, 2 successive negative test results had to be received in relation to that patient. These 2 successive negative results have been attained.

Thus, there is now one active case of COVID-19 in SVG.

Further to the original release of today's date, the Ministry would like to clarify that the four (4) samples which were rejected by CARPHA were so rejected because they were drawn from patients without symptoms who therefore did not fit CARPHA's definition of a case requiring testing for COVID-19.

The Ministry and the government would continue to take all actions necessary to protect the health of Vincentians during the course of the coronavirus pandemic and at all times.

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