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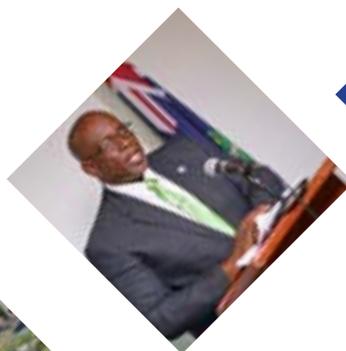
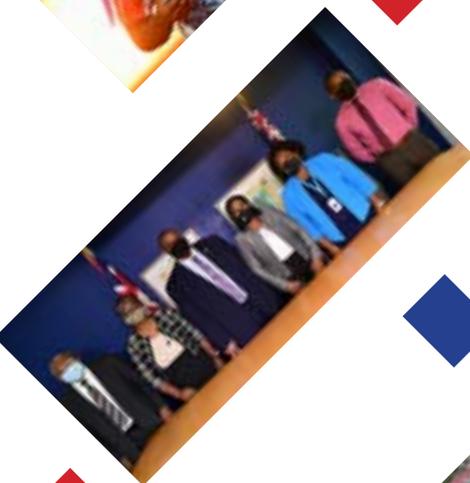
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BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

**YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOU
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER**

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT

The month of July has been a tough one for us in the Virgin Islands, with the rise in COVID-19 cases. Thanks to an aggressive contact tracing and testing strategy by the Health team, we have identified positive cases to limit exposure to stop the spread of the virus.

Immediately, your Government moved to the next phase of the pandemic plan to put the necessary measures in place to bring the current spike in COVID-19 cases back under control. This also meant asking everyone to play their part by adhering to the quarantines and curfews, washing hands, sanitising, wearing masks, and maintaining social distance.

Along the way, we have lost loved ones. As a close-knit community, we feel each other's pain. When one person dies, it shocks us all. Our heartfelt condolences to families and friends who have been directly impacted by the loss of a loved one.

We have boosted our health infrastructure, refurbished the old Peebles Hospital into a major COVID-19 centre, invested in our own testing lab at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital, we have implemented effective protocols, and we have made vaccines available with the assistance of the Government of Dominica, United Kingdom Government, and the United States Virgin Islands Government. Your Government and our agencies continue to be guided by our very competent and qualified medical professionals. We are pleased to see that the measures are starting to work, with a number of cases beginning to fall.

We have been able to introduce 'Operation Protect Each Other Vaccination Drive-Thru' throughout the Virgin Islands. While it is voluntary, we continue to encourage persons to become vaccinated. Being vaccinated gives your body the best chance to fight the virus.

We are pleased to say at this time that the e-Government suite of legislation has now been gazetted to bring into force the Data Protection Act, Electronic Filing Act, Electronic Transaction Act, and the Electronic Transfer of Funds Act. The Consumer

Protection legislation was also gazetted to bring it into force.

For a long time, your Government has been an advocate of increasing the use of e-Government services and moving processes online where possible. This month we saw the launch of the Online Work Permit System. Additionally, as we live and work with COVID-19, Public Service operations were adjusted to serve customers safely through remote services. We thank public officers for their continued dedication.

We know that many public officers are concerned with meeting the demands of the Commission of Inquiry (COI), where there is the large and growing diversion of the resources of the Government to the COI, and more so after the six-month extension announced by His Excellency the Governor. In response, Ministers have called for a clear structure and timetable for the hearings, with notice of the subject matter for those hearings set out well in advance, so that the Government can plan its resources and the time of public officers accordingly. The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to welcome a transparent COI that will yield a just outcome as a positive tool to further strengthen our efforts in good governance and in the delivery of quality public services to the people of the Virgin Islands.

As a community, we will continue to come together, pray together, and believe in GOD together during the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. God will turn things around for the Virgin Islands. GOD will do His part, as we will do our part.

Remember, wear masks properly, keep social distancing, wash your hands frequently and sanitise appropriately. We will get through this and more. GOD IS WITH US.

Do enjoy this edition of BVILOVE.


Honourable Andrew A. Fahie
Premier, Minister of Finance and
First District Representative

BVI PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE COMMENTS ON G7 COMMUNIQUE



The British Virgin Islands (BVI) has been monitoring the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) initiative on 'Tax Challenges Arising from Digitalisation' and noted with interest the 5th June, 2021 communique of G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Communiqué committing to a global minimum tax of at least 15 percent.

Speaking on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands in reacting to the communique, Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie said, "As a small economy, I fully appreciate that Governments must focus on avenues to increase revenues, especially in a post pandemic era. We all get that. However, it is important to remember that the commitment of the G20/OECD Inclusive Framework is to deliver a 'consensus-based solution' to the challenges arising from digitalisation. Therefore, we await the July meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors."

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/bvi-premier-and-minister-finance-comments-g7-communiqué>



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HONOURABLE DE CASTRO DONATES KITCHEN SUPPLIES TO SENIOR CENTRE



Junior Minister for Tourism and Territorial Member Honourable Sharie de Castro donated kitchen supplies to the seniors of the East End/Long Look Community Centre. The items included teapots, pots, a blender, bowls, plates, saucers, utensils, dinner napkins and other items.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/honourable-de-castro-donates-kitchen-supplies-senior-centre>





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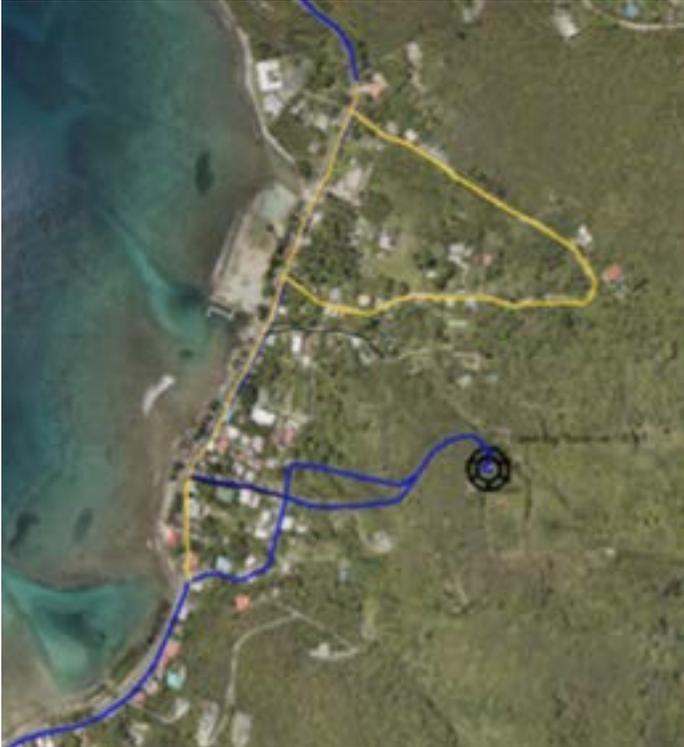
I'm fully vaccinated. Do I need a mask?

Yes, the BVI Health Protocols still include mask wearing, hand washing and sanitizing, physical distancing and the choice of vaccination. You as a resident should take every step to protect yourself and others.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK TO COMMENCE ON ZION HILL RESERVOIR



The Zion Hill reservoir is the latest and final reservoir restoration project to be constructed as the Ministry of Transportation, Works and Utilities continue to improve the water distribution network in the Territory.

The ministry in collaboration with the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) is also working to re-establish reservoirs at specific locations on Tortola. When complete, the new reservoir is expected to have a larger water storage capacity and will be more resilient to natural disasters.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/construction-work-commence-zion-hill-reservoir>



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BVI RECEIVES STRONG BACKING AT UN DECOLONIZATION MEETING



The British Virgin Islands (BVI) received strong backing by the United Nations (UN) Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24) regarding the self-governance of the Territory and its right to self-determination at a recently concluded session of the C-24 at UN Headquarters in June.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley, the Committee on the BVI's relationship with the United Kingdom (UK); development assistance provided to the BVI from within the UN system; and the impact of COVID-19 on the society.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/bvi-receives-strong-backing-un-decolonization-meeting>



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United Nations

The United Nations and Decolonization



National SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SURVEY



What will our Virgin Islands look like in 15 years?
What does sustainable development mean to you?

We want to know what is important to you for the future of the Virgin Islands and we need your **input!**

Please join in and make a contribution to our Territory's vision for the next 15 years by completing this short survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSDP2021



WILLARD WHEATLEY SCHOOL RECEIVES DONATION OF BOOKS

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Agriculture and Fisheries recently handed over the first 2020 Don Hanson Charitable Foundation box filled with books to the Willard Wheatley Primary School.

The box, which is referred to as the "Hanson Box" was handed over by the His Excellency the Governor John James Rankin, CMG to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture which in a ceremony was symbolically presented to the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. The Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley. The books were then handed over to the ministry, and Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Connie George handed over the box of books to the Principal of the School, Mrs. Enid Penn-Charles.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/willard-wheatley-school-receives-donation-books>



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The BVI National Commission of UNESCO
invites you to submit videos
for



International Literacy Day 2021

Under the theme:

**Literacy for a Human-Centered Recovery:
Narrowing the Digital Divide**

The video should be:

- 30 seconds or less
- Taped horizontally in a properly lit area

Deadline for submission is 25 August 2021

Submissions should be sent to aflax-archer@gov.vg

World Literacy Day is celebrated on 8 September, 2021



NO BEACH CLOSURES FOR LOCALS DUE TO CRUISE PASSENGERS

Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration, Honourable Vincent Wheatley addressed the National Parks Trust flyer that was disseminated in relation to beaches being closed to locals for specific periods of time during and after cruise passengers are on island to allow for a sanitisation process.

Honourable Wheatley said, "I wish to assure the public that the information that was on the flyer was a request made by a cruise company which was brought to Cabinet and denied. All beaches are public and should always be accessible to the public. As a Government, we will continue to make decisions that will keep a balance between protecting lives and livelihoods."

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/no-beach-closures-locals-due-cruise-passengers>



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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPTOM REPORTING FORM LAUNCHED

The Ministry of Health and Social Development has launched a National Public Health Symptom Reporting Form (SRF) to better reach and manage persons in the community who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

According to Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ronald Georges, the reporting process starts with the completion of the initial intake form. Once submitted, the Public Health Officers will review and liaise with the appropriate medical centre to arrange for treatment and/or testing..

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/national-public-health-symptom-reporting-form-launched>

Having Symptoms of COVID?
Fill out the Symptom Checker

<https://redcap.link/BVICOVIDSMR>
or scan the QR Code with your camera

Contact Information of Symptomatic Person of Interest

First Name

Last Name

Residential Address

Island	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>		

Vaccination Status
** must provide value*

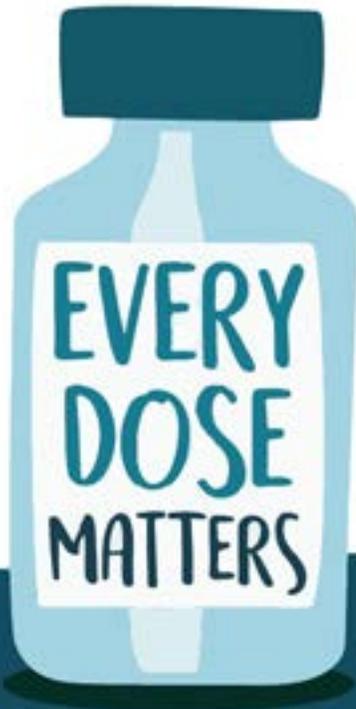
Non-vaccinated
 Partially Vaccinated (2 weeks after your first dose to a 2nd dose)


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For a healthier BVI



MASK UP



KEEP APART



WASH HANDS



To learn more go to www.bvi.gov.vg

CARICOM BACKS CONTINUED CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE OF BVI ELECTED GOVERNMENT

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie welcomed the statement of The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) which outlines the importance of the constitutional role of the British Virgin Islands' elected Government.

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/caricom-backs-continued-constitutional-role-bvi-elected-government>

Premier Fahie said, "I am heartened by the solidarity expressed by CARICOM. As the regional body that stands up for democratic values, human rights and the rule of law across the CARIBBEAN and beyond, they want the BVI Constitution to be respected and for self-governance to be upheld and maintained. We will remain engaged with CARICOM and keep them updated on our situation."

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code



DO YOUR PART **STOP** THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

By: Self-management for sick persons

ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SICK SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Stay at home and immediately self-isolate. Do not seek to go get tested.
- Refrain from going to a physician/or health care facility until advised to do so or call ahead in effort to avoid infecting others.
- Use the online symptom checker if you feel sick to record your symptoms.
- Persons who are severely ill or having **trouble breathing** or **severe dehydration**, should call the medical hotline at **852-7650** or call **911** to get further advice or to summon help.

#wewillgetthroughthistogether



DO YOUR PART **STOP** THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

By: Limiting Person-to-Person Contact



Persons should stay at home and respect the stay-at-home order and limit all non-essential movements



Persons should respect the curfew order



As far as possible, persons should stay within your home bubble and limit contact outside of your home circle

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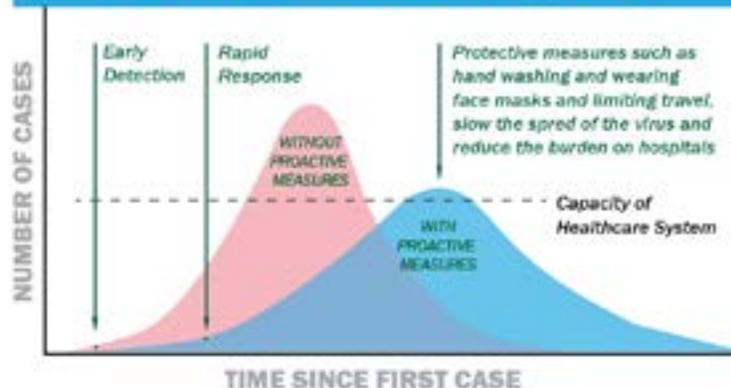


DO YOUR PART



STOP THE SPREAD

HELP FLATTEN THE CURVE



PUBLIC SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENT

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR BVI BEGINS JULY 11



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21 DAYS Prayer AND Fasting

5:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. DAILY

DAY 2
MON. July 12
2021

Psalm 16: 1-2

Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord, apart from you I have no good thing" (NIV)

In the Virgin Islands, we are joining our hearts and hands in unity in 21 days prayer and fasting as we petition God for our continued safety and protection and that of the economy.



The people of the Virgin Islands are asked to join their hearts and hands in unity in 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting for their safety and protection and that of the economy.

Premier and Minister of Finance Honourable Andrew A. Fahie in a statement, titled, "Let's Bring the COVID-19 Situation Back Under Control," said, "Choose your own time in the day and individually or collectively petition GOD to continue to keep us all safe and protected from the plans of the enemy. We will win this battle. I look forward to our people coming together, praying together, and believing in GOD together, as we once again watch GOD work."

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/21-days-prayer-and-fasting-bvi-begins-today-july-11>



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21 DAYS Prayer AND Fasting

5:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. DAILY

DAY 4
WED. July 14
2021

James 2: 14-19

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. (NIV)

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21 DAYS Prayer AND Fasting

5:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. DAILY

DAY 13
FRI. July 23
2021

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (NIV)

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SMALL VESSEL ENTRY AND WATER TAXI PROTOCOLS APPROVED

The Cabinet of the Virgin Islands has approved the COVID-19: Small Vessel Entry Protocol and the COVID-19: Water Taxi Protocols as part of recent significant changes to ensure the Territory continues to adjust its travel protocols with the aim of retraining livelihoods to normalcy and sustainability.

The protocols were approved to facilitate travel to the Territory on board marine vessels measuring less than 78 feet in length with fully vaccinated passengers and crew only.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/small-vessel-entry-and-water-taxi-protocols-approved>



PREMIER COMMENTS ON G20 FINANCE MINISTERS AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS



BVI, as a member of the Inclusive Framework, has been part of the on-going discussions and will continue to be an active participant as the Inclusive Framework continues its technical discussions up to October 2021, in time to report to the next G20 meeting.

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie, said, "I reaffirm the Territory's commitment to international standards and regulatory practices. I am proud that BVI remains a responsible player in the global financial services landscape."

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/premier-comments-g20-finance-ministers-and-central-bank-governors>



LABOUR ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL MADE HISTORIC DECISIONS



The Labour Arbitration Tribunal delivered groundbreaking decisions at public hearings held via CISCO WebEx in the months of March, May and June.

Chairperson, Mr. Jamal S. Smith presided over each case and stated that the Tribunal has successfully concluded public hearings of oral testimony and arguments in four cases held on 4 March, 25 March, 18 May and 15 June.

Mr. Smith said, "After re-opening some of the hearings to receive further submissions, the Tribunal has delivered its final awards at public hearings. I am certainly happy that we have been able to adjudicate these active matters which will conclude my first year as Chairperson at the end of July with only one matter predating my term still pending."

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/labour-arbitration-tribunal-made-historic-decisions>



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DR. D. ORLANDO SMITH HOSPITAL ONLY APPROVED PCR TESTING FACILITY

The public was notified that the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital was the only facility authorised and recognised by the Ministry of Health and Social Development to conduct PCR testing and antigen testing in the Virgin Islands at this time.

Acting Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Ronald Georges said, "The hospital has undergone validation exercises over a period of several months and the testing process has been developed and reviewed in conjunction with the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and Public Health England (PHE)."

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/dr-d-orlando-smith-hospital-only-approved-pcr-testing-facility>



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GUIDELINES FOR BURIALS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

This guide contains important information on what to do when burying a loved one whose death is related to COVID-19 in the Virgin Islands. It contains a step-by-step process for registering the death, getting approval for the final resting place, the viewing of loved ones and the funeral service.

Deceased victims of COVID-19 can be buried or cremated.

- Contact the Clergy/Pastor/Leader of the religious organisation with which the person is affiliated to inform of the death.
- Contact a funeral home to discuss plans for burial, cremation, or removal from the Territory.



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<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/guidelines-burials-context-covid-19>



Protocols for COVID-19 BURIALS



This guide has been developed to allow families in this time of bereavement to safely grieve, while mourning the loss of a loved one. Please be advised that all health and safety protocols must be maintained in accordance with the COVID-19 Control and Suppression Measures.

VIEWING OF LOVED ONES

- Only immediate family members (Mother, Father, Siblings, Children, Spouse) are allowed to view the deceased.
- Viewings will only take place at the funeral home
- Family members will not be allowed to make physical contact with the deceased.
- The body of the deceased will not be open to public viewing at any church, sanctuary or funeral chapel.



FUNERAL SERVICES

- After viewing at the funeral home by immediate family, the body of the deceased should be taken directly to the grave site for immediate burial.
- Any service in memory of the deceased can be held thereafter.
- All gatherings including a funeral shall be limited to one person per sixty-four square feet and shall not exceed 25 persons at any given time.
- Persons attending funeral services or gatherings are required to observe the health and safety protocols, including wearing of mask, sanitising of hands and observing social distancing measures.



Cremation

- Crematory services are not available locally, however persons can make arrangements through the funeral home on how this can be arranged through their services.



We know that the loss of a loved one can be quite overwhelming and painful. We pray that God continues to give you strength and comfort you during your time of bereavement.

**This guide was created in consultation with The Coroner's Office, Civil Registry, Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, The Department of Disaster Management and the Health Emergency Operations Centre - Unified Command Centre.*

MINISTRY OF HEALTH JOINS FORCES TO IMPROVE COVID TESTING CAPACITY

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is working with the Management of Eureka Medical Clinic to bring their PCR testing capacity online in a safe and effective manner.

Acting Chief Medical Office (CMO) Dr. Ronald Georges said the ministry has had an initial discussion with Eureka Medical Clinic to have additional PCR capability available in the Territory.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/ministry-health-joins-forces-improve-covid-testing-capacity>



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OVER 800 BVI RESIDENTS VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 IN DRIVE -THRU



A total of 887 residents were immunised against COVID-19 during Operation Protect Each Other Drive-Thru Vaccination on July 17 and 18. Approximately 753 persons received their first dose, while 134 persons received their second dose of the AstraZeneca Vaccine that boosts immunity to combat the COVID-19 virus.

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone continues to encourage persons to get vaccinated to add that extra layer of protection against what is believed to be a stronger variant of the COVID-19 virus in the Territory.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/over-800-bvi-residents-vaccinated-against-covid-19-drive-thru>



CONTRACT SIGNED FOR ASPHALT WORKS ON SIX ROAD PROJECTS



Minister for Transportation, Work and Utilities, Honourable Kye Rymer continues to share his vision for first-class roads in the Territory with the signing of a contract to supply Asphaltic Concrete Works across six road project sites on Tortola.

The Government of the Virgin Islands in collaboration with the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) signed the contract with Tortola Paving Ltd. for the sum of \$390,857.50 that will allow for the supply and installation of asphalt at Little Dix Hill, Hope Hill to Sabbath Hill, Bob's Gas Station, Great Mountain I, (Upper), Great Mountain II (Lower) and Ballast Bay slope stabilisation and road rehabilitation project sites.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/contract-signed-asphalt-works-six-road-projects>



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TUNE IN

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. DAILY

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CBN channel 101



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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR FENCING OF ANEGADA RECREATION GROUND

The Government of the Virgin Islands through the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) signed a contract with Sunleaf Construction to repair the perimeter fence at the Anegada Recreation Ground.

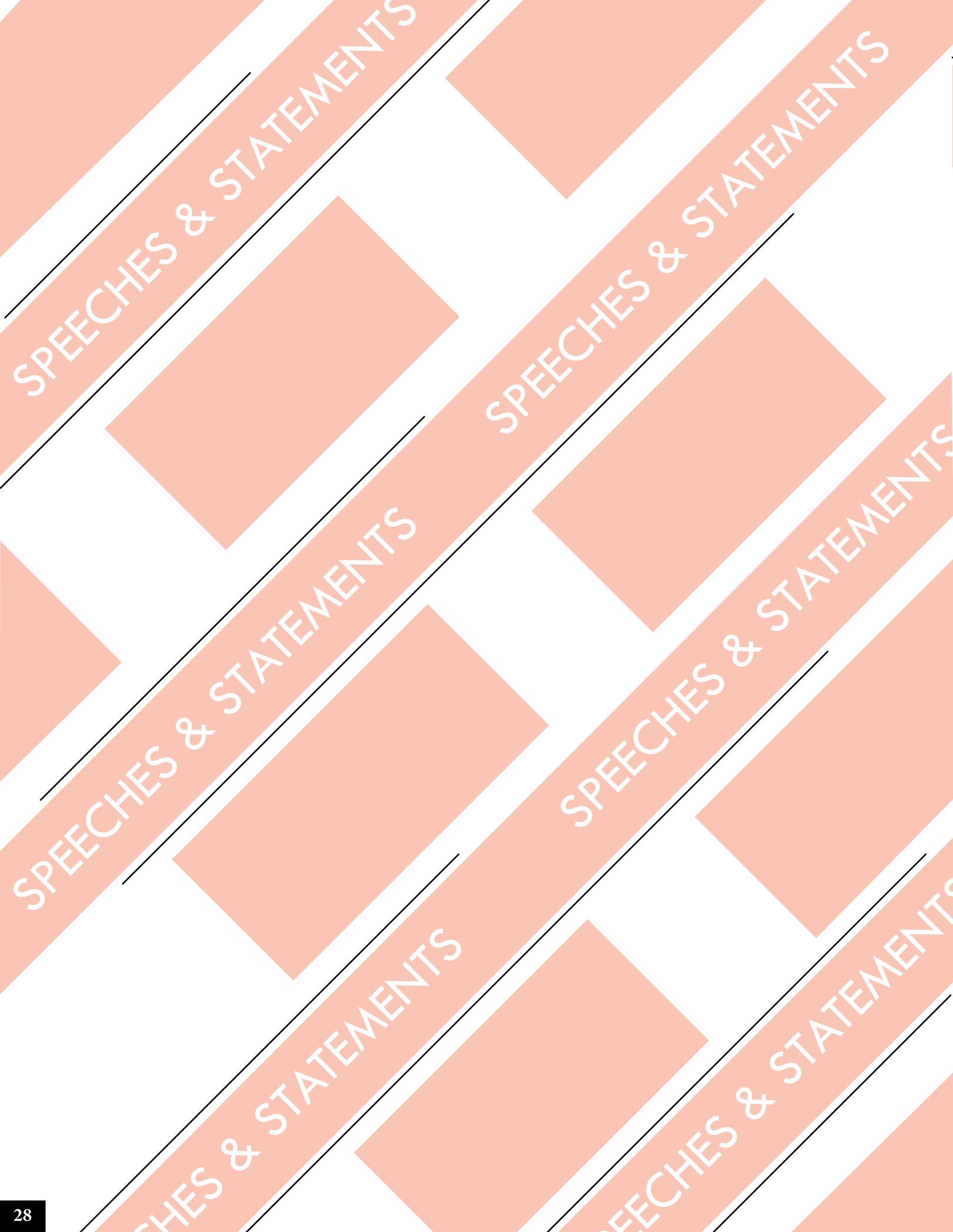
The contract for the sum of US\$83,491.95 will allow for restorative works to be carried out on the facility to prevent further deterioration and protect any future investment.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/contract-signed-fencing-anegada-recreation-ground>



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STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE ANDREW A. FAHIE



BVI TOURISM RECOVERY REMAINS ON TRACK

Our tourism industry is opening up more and more daily. Bookings for land properties and charter boats continue to increase. Visitors are returning in increasing numbers, providing jobs for our people across the spectrum of the tourism industry – from taxi and tour operators, to our hotels and charter companies, and our bars, restaurants and food vendors.

The BVI is moving forward in the midst of the worst pandemic to hit the world in over 100 years.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/statement-honourable-andrew-fahie-bvi-tourism-recovery-remains-track>



THE LOAN WITH REPUBLIC BANK

We are here at this defining moment to turn a new leaf where we are refinancing the Peebles Hospital Loan.

By doing so, we will help the BVI to realise \$1.6 million in savings; it will increase our borrowing ratio and capacity and keep us under the threshold of the Protocols for Effective Finance Management.

One of the things that your Government is committed to is effective and prudent financial management.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/remarks-premier-and-minister-finance-signing-loan-republic-bank>



COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 may look like its winning, but we will win this battle. COVID-19 may look like it is bigger than us, but rest assures that it is not bigger than the God we serve. Whilst it is voluntary, I strongly urge you to take the vaccine. Being vaccinated gives your body the best chance to fight the virus. I especially urge those who have underlying health conditions, the elderly and the young, safeguard yourselves.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/remarks-premier-fahie-covid-19-update-16th-july-2021>



STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE ANDREW A. FAHIE *continued*

THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI, MR. JOVENEL MOISE

I express my deepest condolences to the family of the late President, and the people of Haiti, on behalf of the Government and people of the Virgin Islands. I am mindful that we do have persons from the Republic of Haiti living in the Virgin Islands, and we sympathise with them during this most difficult time.

The assassination of a Head of Government, who was a fellow CARICOM (Caribbean Community) Political Leader in his own home is a heinous act and unacceptable in a region that cherishes democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/statement-premier-fahie-death-president-republic-haiti>



LET'S BRING THE COVID-19 SITUATION BACK UNDER CONTROL

I want to assure you that your Government has been working to put the necessary measures in place to bring the current spike in COVID-19 cases back under control.

Since an increase in cases was observed about a week ago, your Ministers, the professionals in the health team, public officers in the various ministries and departments and other stakeholders, have been meeting, discussing, planning and implementing – sometimes behind the scenes – critical measures that are needed to contain the further spread of the virus and to ensure that medical resources are in place.

For more information, please click on the link or icon below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/statement-premier-fahie-let-s-bring-covid-19-situation-back-under-control>



STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE ANDREW A. FAHIE continued

ONLINE WORK PERMIT SYSTEMS LAUNCH

What we doing here today is timely. It comes at a time when we must do business differently living and working in the New Regular with COVID-19.

This is the first step in being able to offer more e-Government services which will ensure continuous and easy to access services for the people of the Virgin Islands and those that want to work and invest here.

As we face stay at home orders, due to the COVID-19 situation, this development towards an increase in e-Government services has come at a crucial time.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/remarks-premier-fahie-online-work-permit-systems-launch>



VIGILANCE AND VACCINATION – OUR TOOLS TO FIGHT COVID-19

Through the strength and grace of our Almighty God, we continue together as one people to fight the silent and unseen killer – COVID-19, the worst pandemic to hit the world in more than 100 years.

As a close-knit community, the pain of one is felt by all, and the loss of one is grieved by all. To those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19 and otherwise, I once again extend sympathies on behalf of the Government and people of the Virgin Islands as well as on behalf of my family and myself. And we pray that the dearly departed will find peace and comfort in the Kingdom of our Lord.

For more information, please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/statement-premier-fahie-vigilance-and-vaccination-our-tools-fight-covid-19>



LIVE ADDRESS

STATEMENT BY DR. THE HONOURABLE NATALIO D. WHEATLEY



VIRGIN ISLANDS DAY CELEBRATION

Following the advice of the BVI Public Holidays Review Committee, Cabinet decided on 2nd December 2020 that Territory Day would be replaced by Virgin Islands Day.

The shift from “Territory Day” to now “Virgin Islands Day” reflects a renewed sense of national consciousness and represents an effort to assert our unique identity as Virgin Islanders. It is a recognition that as Virgin Islanders that are a part of the Caribbean family, we have a distinct and separate culture and history that have shaped us to who we are today.

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STATEMENT BY HONOURABLE CARVIN MALONE



COVID-19 UPDATE & CABINET DECISIONS

COVID-19 is real. For 16 months we have heard about persons around the world losing their loved ones. We saw the news and many images of persons on ventilators, and we said that as a Government we will prepare this place, this Virgin Islands, and put every health and safety measure and method in place so that our people would want for nothing.

As we continue to go through what are some very turbulent waters in our COVID-19 experience, I too want to lend my voice and offer sincere condolences to the families and persons suffering with this disease or dealing with the loss of a loved one. My prayer is that God will continue to give us all the strength that we need during this very difficult time.

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STATEMENT BY ACTING CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER DR. RONALD GEORGES



CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE AND CHANGE TO TESTING STRATEGY

The BVI is now in a situation of advanced community spread and has seen exponential growth in active cases with a trend of increasing number of daily reports of new cases. The trend in increasing daily reports of new cases reported appears to have stabilised, however large numbers of new cases are expected to continue to be reported for several days.

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