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FOUR NEW COVID-19 CASES FROM CANADA AND THE UK

St. Vincent and the Grenadines today recorded four (4) new COVID-19 cases. Three cases are returning nationals who arrived with negative PCR test results from the UK on November 28, 2020 and tested negative for SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19 on entry screening and day 5 testing. The three adults tested positive for COVID-19 during their nine (9) to fourteen (14) day quarantine period or after their five (5) day mandatory hotel quarantine.

The fourth case is also a returning national who also arrived on Monday, December 7 from Canada with a negative PCR test result, tested negative on entry screening and then positive on day 5 testing. The adult travelers were in mandatory quarantine and will be isolated until cleared by two negative tests. Contact tracing and testing have commenced.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has now recorded a total of ninety-eight (98) COVID-19 cases, eighty-one (81) of which have recovered. There are now

seventeen (17) active COVID-19 cases, all imported from countries categorized as high risk.

The new cases detected during the nine (9) to fourteen (14) day quarantine period reinforce the importance of complying strictly with the rules of quarantine for the entire period by all travelers, their families and friends. Persons in quarantine should not leave their homes unless authorized, nor should they entertain visitors or attend Nine Mornings festivities.

All protocols and advisories including the use of facial coverings must be followed to reduce the risk of the introduction and subsequent spread of new COVID-19 cases in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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