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**DOH Reminds Public:
All Positive COVID-19 Cases to Isolate for 10 Days**

US Virgin Islands — The Virgin Islands Department of Health would like to remind the community that *all* individuals, regardless of vaccination status, who test positive for COVID-19, are to isolate for *10 days*.

Isolation separates people who are sick with an infectious disease from people who are not sick.

These isolation guidelines apply to individuals who are exhibiting symptoms as well as those who are not.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should not leave isolation for any reason, including to retest. Anyone waiting for results from the Department of Health's drive-thru testing site should remain at home and not return to the testing site for any reason.

"We are seeing a large amount of people coming to our testing sites multiple times after their initial positive test result. You are not to leave the 10-day isolation for any reason. Leaving to retest not only puts others at risk, but also takes resources away from those needing their first test," said Territorial Epidemiologist Dr. Esther Ellis.

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Isolation guidelines and COVID-19 protocols are implemented by the Virgin Islands Department of Health based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Each jurisdiction has the ability to enact its own guidelines based on scientific data and the current COVID-19 climate.

If you need a clearance letter for work, please email a copy of your test result to results@doh.vi.gov.

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