



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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**FOURTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
MODIFYING CONDITIONS DURING THE "STAY-AT-HOME" PHASE
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, the Governor issued the Executive Order and Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ("Declaration of a State of Emergency"), and the Government has been coordinating the Territory's response and enforcing protective actions to address "COVID-19", a public health emergency that currently requires the Government to act and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2020, the President of the United States declared that a major disaster exists in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands-based on COVID-19 and this major disaster declaration has not been lifted; and

WHEREAS, From March 13, 2020 through August 2020, the Governor has issued subsequent Executive Orders or Supplements with additional requirements and lifting of other restrictions of previous Executive Orders and Supplement to begin its "Open Door Phase"; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the return to the "Stay-at-Home Phase" requires continuous guidance to be given to the public about what is restricted and permissible during this phase and while still within a "State of Emergency" due to the danger and threat of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, Declaration of a State of Emergency Executive Order dated March 13, 2020, invoked the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Act, 23 V.I.C. § 1001 - 1016 and authorizes the Governor to exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid the response to, recovery from, and guidance for the mitigation as well as response to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The Virgin Islands Department of Health ("DOH") received confirmation from the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") that seven hundred sixty (760) persons, including

nine (9) deceased persons, tested positive for COVID-19 in the Virgin Islands and additional testing of individuals for COVID-19 are still being made or pending; and

WHEREAS, Imposing guidelines and restrictions to the Stay-at-Home Phase currently in effect in the Territory is vital to the protection, health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors of the Territory as well as continuing the response and mitigation process;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, under the authority granted to me by Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954 (as amended), 23 V.I.C. § 1005, and pursuant to all the afore-cited sections of the Virgin Islands Code, as well as all previous Executive Orders issued from March 13, 2020, through August 13, 2020, including Executive Orders dated March 20, 2020, March 23, 2020, March 30, 2020, April 6, 2020, April 20, 2020, April 29, 2020, May 4, 2020, May 7, 2020, May 30, 2020, July 1, 2020, July 9, 2020, July 27, 2020, August 10, 2020, and August 13, 2020, as amended, supplemented, renewed, and extended, do hereby ORDER:

SECTION 1. The Thirteenth Supplemental Executive Order issued on August 13, 2020 is amended as follows:

- A. In Section 1.F.2.c. Core life services by adding two bullet points with the following language:
 - *The Census Bureau, their contractors and workers.*
 - *Dive shops: for purpose of refilling oxygen tanks only.*
 - *Houses of Worship: for services to include no more than 10 persons in the entire establishment or sanctuary (the count of 10 includes the officiant, any employees, and/or choir members). Churches are permitted to provide communion provided it is presented to the receivers in protected containers that do not require any administration by the officiant.*
 - *Professional services, such as legal services, accounting services, and insurance companies when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities.”*
- B. In Section 1. A. by inserting the following sentence “This section does not apply to 1) guests who are local U.S. Virgin Islands Residents having a U.S.V.I. government issued identification showing residence in the Territory and currently residing in the Territory, and 2) guests who are traveling for family emergencies as approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs.”
- C. In Section 1. B. by inserting the following sentence “This section does not apply to 1) guests who are local U.S. Virgin Islands Residents having a U.S.V.I. government issued identification showing residence in the Territory and currently residing in the Territory, and 2) guests who are traveling for family emergencies as approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs.”

SECTION 2. Effective as of August 17, 2020,

- A. The provisions of Title 3, Chapter 25, Subchapter IV, Section 530(b) of the Virgin Islands Code, requiring the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB) to meet within thirty (30) days after a filing of appeal by a government employee and to conduct a hearing no later than sixty (60) days from the date of the appeal filing date, and all the Orders of the PERB issued under Sections 530 and 531 of Title 3 of the Virgin Islands Code are hereby suspended so long as the Territory remains in a State of Emergency as declared on March 13, 2020, as amended, supplemented, extended, and renewed, unless earlier lifted or amended by order of the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- B. All Virgin Islands Driver's Licenses set to expire during the State of Emergency declared on March 13, 2020, as amended, supplemented, and extended are hereby extended for a period of six months from the date of expiration of the license so long as the Territory remains in a State of Emergency as declared on March 13, 2020, as amended, supplemented, extended, and renewed, unless earlier lifted or amended by order of the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands; and
- C. The statutory deadlines contained in Title 12, Chapter 21, Section 910 of the Virgin Islands Code are hereby suspended so long as the Territory remains in a State of Emergency as declared on March 13, 2020, as amended, supplemented, extended, and renewed, unless earlier lifted or amended by order of the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands.


SECTION 3. Effective Date

Unless otherwise specified in the specific Sections above, this Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect so long as the Territory remains in a State of Emergency as declared on March 13, 2020, as amended, supplemented, extended, and renewed unless earlier lifted or until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, this 17th day of August, A.D., 2020.




Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

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Lieutenant Governor