



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE ORDER AND
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
MODIFYING CONDITIONS OF THE “SAFER-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 February 2021, the Governor has issued subsequent Executive Orders or Supplements with additional requirements and lifting of other restrictions of previous Executive Orders and Supplements to return to the “Stay-at-Home Phase”; and

WHEREAS, The “Safer-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, The Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency dated March 13, 2020, invoked the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Act, 23 V.I.C. § 1001 - 1016 and authorized 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 that, as of August 4, 2021, as many as 4,854 persons, including 40 deceased persons, tested positive for COVID-19 in the Virgin Islands, with 318 active cases, and additional testing of individuals for COVID-19 are still being made or pending; and

WHEREAS, Imposing guidelines and restrictions during the Territory’s “Safer-at-Home Phase” 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 July 27, 2021, as amended, supplemented, renewed, and extended, do hereby **ORDER**:

SECTION 1. *Effective Friday, August 13, 2021, the Twenty-First Supplemental Executive Order* issued on January 27, 2021, as amended, is further amended in Section 1. C. to restrict Mass Gatherings of 50 persons or more by striking the first sentence and inserting “*For purposes of the Safer-at-Home Phase, a “mass gathering” is defined as any event or convening that brings together more than 1) fifty (50) persons in a single room or single space at the same time OR 2) one hundred (100) fully vaccinated persons, as approved by DOH, in a single room or single space at the same time.*” in its place; and in Section 1. C. 4) by inserting “*or her designee,*” after “*Commissioner of Health*”.

SECTION 2. *Effective Friday, August 13, 2021, and lasting until September 7, 2021,* all beaches in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands shall be closed from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. the following day on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Only fishermen may be on the beach during the beach closure times to access their vessels or cast their nets.

SECTION 3. *Effective Friday, August 13, 2021, the Twenty-First Supplemental Executive Order* issued on January 27, 2021, as amended, is further amended in Section 4 to remove the antibody testing as a possible clearance into the U.S.V.I. Travel Portal by striking subsection B. 2) in its entirety and renumbering the following paragraph accordingly.

SECTION 4. All other terms, requirements, and conditions of the March 13, 2020, State of Emergency, as amended, supplemented, renewed, and extended shall continue in full force and effect unless earlier lifted, further amended, or extended by order of the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands.

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 6th day of August, A.D., 2021.




Tregenza A. Roach
Acting Governor

ATTEST:


Donny Frett-Gregory
Acting Lt. Governor