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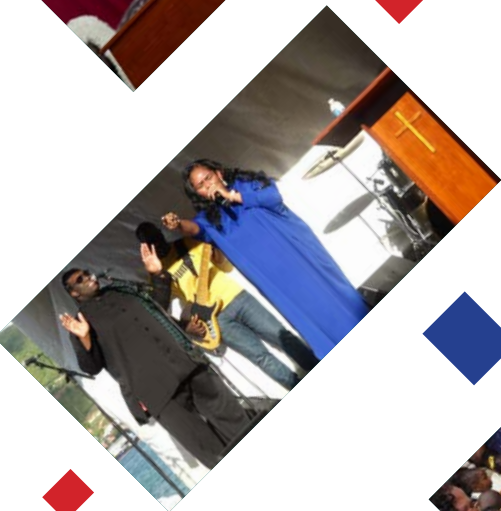
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# BVI LOVE

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOU  
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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# MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT

## **This is the first edition of BVILOVE for 2022.**

We started the year 2022 praising our Heavenly Father in a TIME of PRAISE and PRAYER on 1st January at the Queen Elizabeth II Park under the theme: "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 a hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11. There was no better way to begin this year.

We also started the year with a new Budget in place to support our continued economic recovery and growth under the theme: "Strategically positioning New Industries with Sustainability and Innovation: Continuing to improve the standard of living with focus on Education, Small Business, Healthcare and Technology."

Additionally, the Fourth Session of the Fourth House of Assembly is now in full swing under the legislative theme: Positioning the Virgin Islands through Legislation to continue improving the standard of living of our people. Your Government will invite the legislature to consider bills and amendments to existing legislation towards this end.

Our commitment as a Government is to continue working hard to transform the Virgin Islands into a leading regional economy through entrepreneurship, innovation and local and foreign investment so that we can create more opportunities for you and your children, and improve your social and economic security and overall quality of life.

As a people with immense potential and blessed with amazing natural resources, let us resolve to work together for the development of our beloved Virgin Islands. Let us strive to inspire, encourage and support each other. Let us harness our strengths and opportunities to neutralise our threats and weaknesses. Let us be solution-oriented as we work, respectfully and constructively, through different points of view.

Let us, together, make this year of success for the Virgin Islands.

We invite you to enjoy this January edition of BVILOVE.



# A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER - PETITIONING GOD TOGETHER ON NEW YEAR'S DAY



The Government of the Virgin Islands held a special service on Saturday, January 1 under the theme, "A TIME OF PRAISE and PRAYER" in collaboration with churches across the Territory. The service was inspired by the scripture 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 a hope and a future."

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<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/time-praise-and-prayer-petitioning-god-together-new-years-day>



**LIVE: A Time of Praise and Prayer  
Petitioning God Together On New Year's Day**



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# AMENDED OPERATIONAL HOURS AT TERRANCE B. LETTSOME INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Acting Managing Director, of BVI Airports Authority Mr. Keith L. Flax, announced the amended Operational Hours Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport Beef Island British Virgin Islands Mr. Flax informed the travelling public that effective **Wednesday 5th January 2022**:

1. The daily, Operational Hours of the **Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport, (EIS)**, will be: **7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** until further notice.
2. **EIS** will operate fully on a PPR basis through to **Tuesday 11th January 2022**, in the first instance.
3. **EIS** will close for **two (2) half hour** periods (**9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.) and 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm**) through to **Tuesday 11th January 2022**, in the first instance. Due to this closure, no services will be provided to the airports in Anegada and Virgin Gorda during this period. The amending of the operational hours is in response to a wave of COVID-19 related illnesses that afflicted the staff.

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

<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/amended-operational-hours-terrance-b-lettsome-international-airport-beef-island-british>



# BVI PORTS AUTHORITY LAUNCHES PILOT PORT EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR YOUTHS

The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) has released a new initiative that focuses on teaching students about Port functions, international trade, and maritime careers. The BVIPA launched its new Port Education Program which aims to engage students in educational outreach at various age levels.



**LAUNCH PREVIEW WITH DIRECTOR  
OF BVI PORTS AUTHORITY**

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[https://bvi.gov.vg/sites/default/files/bvipa\\_press\\_release\\_-\\_the\\_bvipa\\_launches\\_pilot\\_port\\_education\\_programme.pdf](https://bvi.gov.vg/sites/default/files/bvipa_press_release_-_the_bvipa_launches_pilot_port_education_programme.pdf)



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# STAKEHOLDERS MEETING TO ADDRESS COVID-19 SURGE AND PROTOCOL UPDATES



**STAKE HOLDERS  
MEETING**

to address  
the impact of  
**Covid-19 surge**

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2022  
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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**Link**  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3QJH7AM](https://bit.ly/3QJH7AM)

The Ministry of Health and Social Development and the Health Emergency Operations Centre – Unified Command hosted a virtual stakeholders meeting on Thursday, January 13 to inform stakeholders of the current and emerging COVID-19 surge and its impact Territorywide.

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

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/stakeholders-meeting-address-covid-19-surge>



# AMENDED OPERATIONAL HOURS AT AUGUSTE GEORGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ANEGADA

Acting Managing Director of the BVI Airports Authority Mr. Keith L. Flax acting on behalf of the Board of Directors has announced that effective Thursday, 13th January 2022:

1. The daily, Operational Hours of the **Auguste George International Airport, (TUPA), will be: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** through to Saturday 22nd January 2022, in the first instance.
2. Flights into TUPA will operate fully on a PPR (Prior Permission Required) basis through to Monday, **31st January 2022**, in the first instance.
3. Only domestic flights will be allowed to operate at TUPA.

**For more information,  
please click on the icon below**

[https://bvi.gov.vg/sites/default/files/press\\_release\\_no\\_3\\_of\\_2022\\_amended\\_operational\\_hours\\_tupa\\_airport\\_rv.pdf](https://bvi.gov.vg/sites/default/files/press_release_no_3_of_2022_amended_operational_hours_tupa_airport_rv.pdf)



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# SALT ISLAND LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SILAC) ESTABLISHED

Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration Honourable Vincent Wheatley has said the newly created Salt Island Lands Advisory Committee (SILAC) will assist his ministry in ensuring the fair distribution of Crown Lands on Salt Island to its descendants.

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

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/salt-island-lands-advisory-committee-silac-established>



# DDM DIRECTOR SHARES CONTINUITY ADVICE FOR BUSINESSES

Acting Director at the Department of Disaster Management Jasen Penn updated the business continuity on disaster plans that can help minimise disruptions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic at a recent stakeholders meeting.

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

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/ddm-director-shares-continuity-advice-businesses>



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## STAKEHOLDERS MEETING to address the impact of COVID-19 Surge

### Agenda

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1. Call to order	- Ms. Tasha Bertie, Permanent Secretary (Ag), Ministry of Health and Social Development
2. Opening Prayer	- Ms. Tasha Bertie, Permanent Secretary (Ag) Ministry of Health and Social Development
3. Opening Remarks	- Hon. Andrew A. Fahie, Premier
4. Remarks	- Hon. Carvin Malone, Minister for Health and Social Development
5. Situation Update	- Dr. Ronald Georges, Chief Medical Officer (Ag)
6. Public Health Guidance	- Mr. Lionel Michael, Chief Environmental Health Officer
7. Business Continuity	- Mr. Jasen Penn, Director, (Ag) DDM
8. Open forum for Discussion and Questions	
9. Adjournment	

**WELCOME**  
Thursday 13, January, 2022  
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm



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**LIVE**

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2022  
West End Community Centre  
5:00 p.m.

# FRENCHMAN'S CAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT COMMUNITY MEETING

Social distancing protocols will be in effect at the meeting

Limited to 40 persons

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Honourable Andrew A. Fahie  
Premier, Minister of Finance

Honourable Kye M. Rymer  
Minister for Transportation, Works  
and Utilities



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# 2022 LAW YEAR OPENS

The legal fraternity celebrated the opening of the 2022 Law Year of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) on January 11. The start of the year began with a church service at the New Testament Church of God International Worship Centre, before transitioning to a virtual ceremony under the theme: "The ECSC: Re-imagining the justice system in the era of COVID-19 and beyond," which featured an address by Her Ladyship, The Honourable Dame Janice M. Pereira, DBE, LL.D. Attorney General, Dawn J. Smith offered remarks on behalf of the Attorneys General in the ECSC jurisdiction and the Bar of the Virgin Islands, while other remarks were made by members from the Inner and Utter Bars of the jurisdiction.

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<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/2022-law-year-opens>



**LIVE: 2022 Law Year Opens Part 1**



**LIVE: 2022 Law Year Opens Part 2**



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# NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Government of the Virgin Islands is preparing to implement its proposed National Sustainable Plan and is seeking the public's input through a series of public consultations.

The National Sustainable Development Plan was created with the goal to strengthen the resilience of the society to withstand future hurricanes, pandemics, and any other crisis that may come; and to secure the future prosperity of the Virgin Islands through sustainability.

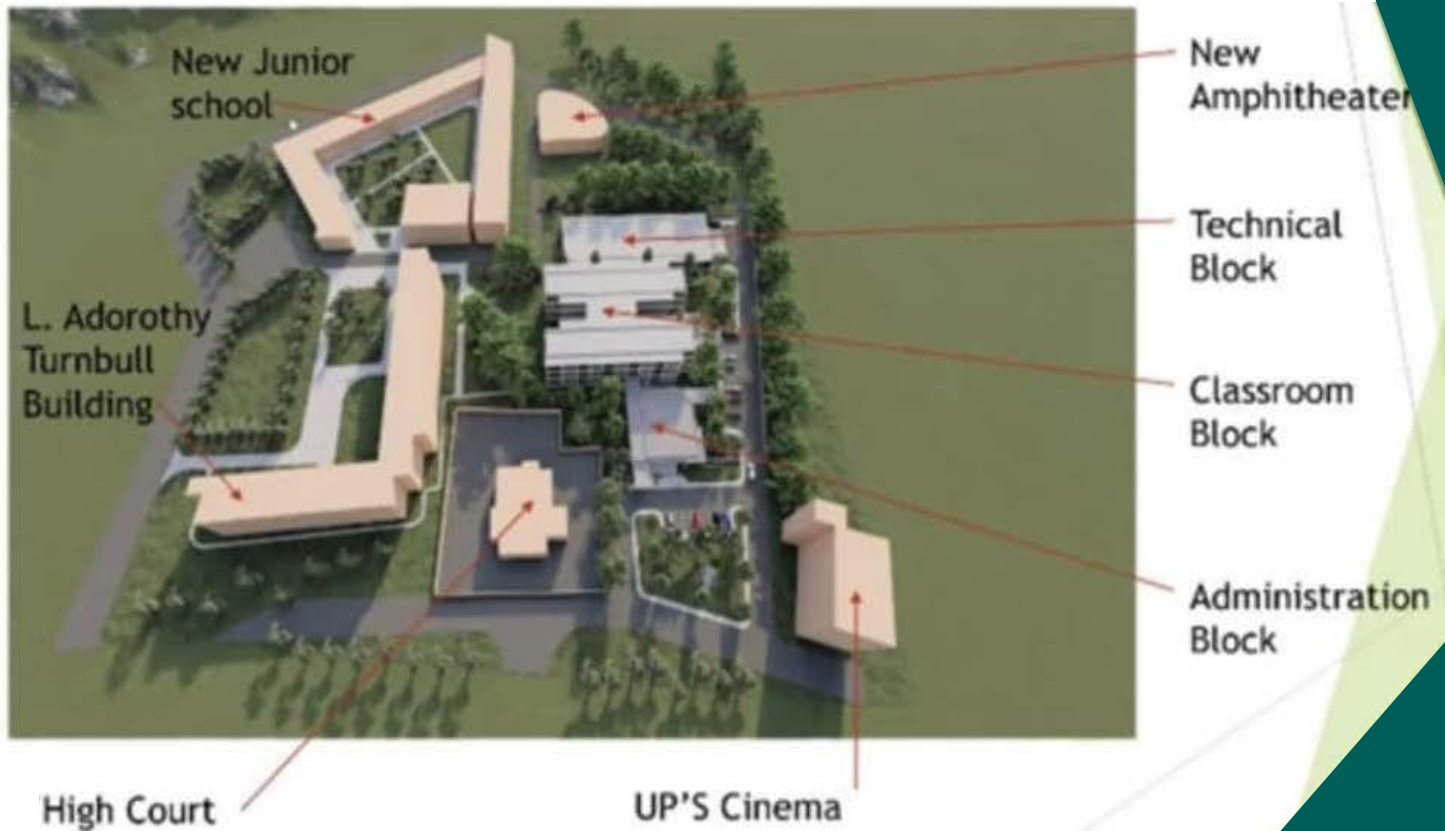
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<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/national-sustainable-development-plan-public-consultation>



# GOVERNMENT TAKES WHOLISTIC APPROACH TO CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT

## 3D VIEW OF BUILDINGS PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT ELMORE STOUTT HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS



The Government of the Virgin Islands has taken a wholistic approach to the Redevelopment of the Elmore Stoutt High School campus and invites the public to a stakeholder consultation to present the way forward.

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

<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/government-takes-wholistic-approach-campus-redevelopment>



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# SECURITY AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION ON GOVERNMENT'S AGENDA

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. John Rankin, CMG has outlined that security and justice legislation are a part of the pieces of legislation that form the Government of the Virgin Islands' agenda for the Fourth session of the Fourth House of Assembly. During his first **Speech from the Throne** on January 18, Governor Rankin said these pieces of legislation will impact security and the administration of justice and underscores the Government's commitment to good governance, transparency and accountability.

**For more information, please click the links, Facebook Icon or scan the QR code**

<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/security-and-justice-legislation-government-s-agenda>



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# REMOTE PAYMENT AVAILABLE FOR TRADE LICENCE



The Department of Trade, Investment Promotion and Consumer Affairs is now accepting remote payment from customers wishing to make payments for trade licences.

Director, Mrs. Karia Christopher said, "To reduce the immense foot traffic at the Department and to better serve our customers we are encouraging persons to make payments for trade licence using any of our contactless options."

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

<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/remote-payment-available-trade-license>



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Credit Card Information
Card Type: <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Cardholder Name (as shown on card): _____
Card Number: _____
Expiration Date (mm/yy): _____
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# DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

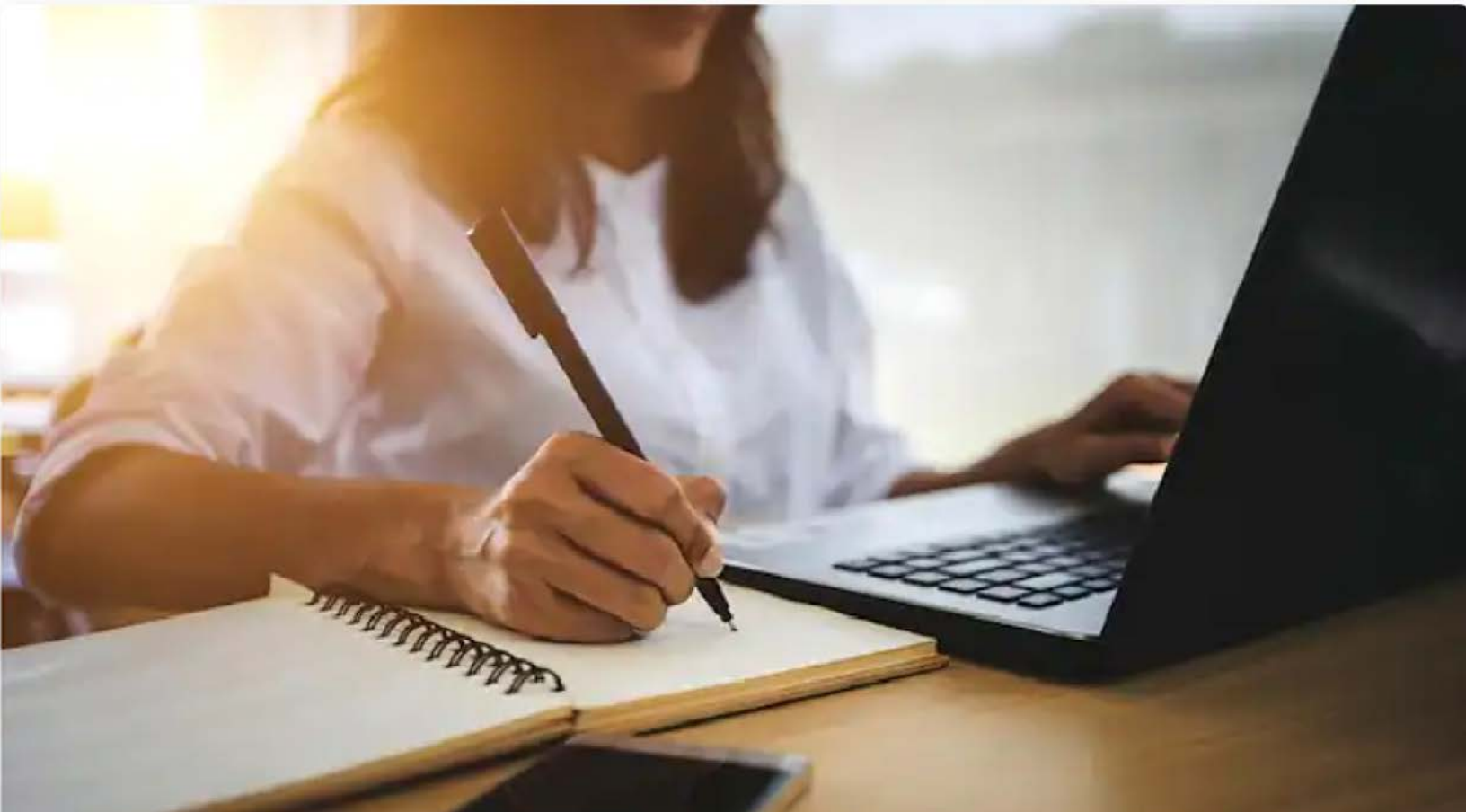
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## 13 TEACHERS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING



13 teachers received training to deliver distance education and use information and communications technology (ICT) in education during and beyond the COVID-19 crisis.

The 'Distance Education and the use of ICT in Education During and Beyond the COVID Crisis' training was made possible through the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) Distance Learning and Teacher Training programme.

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

<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/13-teachers-receive-certificates-distance-learning>



# WORKSHOP FOR EARLY-CAREER CONSERVATIONISTS



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Director of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mrs. Brenda Lettsome-Tye said the two-week workshop hosted through the Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is organised for early-career conservationists between the ages of 18 to 29 years.

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<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/workshop-early-career-conservationists>



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DOING OUR BEST TO PROTECT YOU FROM COVID-19



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Ministry of Health and Social Development

# COVID 19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE



## Road Town

Catholic Community Center between 10am and 4pm  
Mondays-Fridays

## Eastern Area

Iris Penn Smith Clinic, East End By appointment  
852-7750/ 440-1631 / 440-1636  
Monday - Wednesday - Friday 1:00pp - 4:00pm

## Western Area

Theresa Smith Blyden Clinic, Capoon's Bay By  
Appointment Tel: 852-6925  
Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am - 3:00 pm

## Virgin Gorda

Nurse Iris O'Neal Clinic (New Bldg)  
852 7732 / 852 7702 appointments only  
Monday -Thursday 10:00am - 3:00pm

## North Sound

852 7700  
Friday 8:30 am - 4:30pm appointment only

## Anegada

Romalia Smith Clinic, the Settlement by  
Appointment 852 7787  
8:30 - 4:30pm

## Jost Van Dyke

Jost Van Dyke Clinic by appointment 852 7796  
Monday - Thursday 10:00am -4:30p.m.

Reduce waiting times by pre-filling the registration forms that are available for download by visiting the [ministryofhealth.gov.vg/vaccines](https://ministryofhealth.gov.vg/vaccines)

Please walk with a form of government ID such as a drivers' license or NHI ID Card for verification purpose

COVID-19 Info:  
468-2274

Medical hotline  
852-7650 (8:30am - 4:00pm)

# TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT FOREFRONT FOR GOVERNMENT

The Government of the Virgin Islands has placed transparency and accountability legislation at the forefront of its agenda for the Fourth Session of the Fourth House of Assembly.

This was highlighted during **the Speech from the Throne** delivered by His Excellency the Governor, Mr. John Rankin, CMG on January 18, which underscored the Government's commitment to improving the standard of living for the people of the Virgin Islands.

Governor Rankin said the Freedom of Information Act will be introduced to govern the public's

access to information held by public authorities. Meanwhile, the **Proceeds of Criminal Conduct (Amendment) Act** will seek to amend the **Act of 1997** and make provisions for unexplained wealth orders.

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

<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/transparency-and-accountability-forefront-government>



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# ONLY VETTED LAND CLAIMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The public is reminded that only land claim applications for Anegada that have been vetted and advanced as recommendations by the Anegada Advisory Lands Committee (AALC) for land allocations will be honoured by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration.

Land claims not advanced by the committee or claims based on illegal construction without the proper approval will not be processed.

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<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/only-vetted-land-claims-will-be-accepted>



# EDUCATION SECTOR, A PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT



The Government of the Virgin Islands is focused on introducing different pieces of legislation to further strengthen the education sectors of the economy. This information was shared by His Excellency the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG during **the Speech from the Throne on January 18** under the theme: Positioning the Virgin Islands through Legislation to continue improving the standard of living of our people. The theme is aligned with the direction and goals of the Government's 2022 Budget under the theme: **"Strategically positioning New Industries with Sustainability and Innovation: Continuing to improve the standard of living with focus on Education, Small Business, Healthcare and Technology."**

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<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/education-sector-priority-government>



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# PUBLIC-PRIVATE RESPONSE TO VIRGIN GORDA FIRE COMMENDED

Minister for Transportation Works and Utilities, Honourable Kye M. Rymer, is commending emergency responders and residents of Princess Quarters along Copper Mine Road, Virgin Gorda, for their timely response to a house fire that happened earlier this week on Tuesday, January 18.

In recognising and admiring the public-private collaboration, Honourable Rymer said, "One of the finest human attributes is that when things seem to be at their worst, that is when people are at their best."

The minister thanked the brave, hard-working Fire Officers of the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service

and a strong, united Virgin Gorda community, who collectively "confronted, controlled and conquered" the fire through team work.


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<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/public-private-response-virgin-gorda-fire-commended>



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# THE ENVIRONMENT, A PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT



The Government of the Virgin Islands has pledged to focus on introducing different pieces of legislation to further strengthen the natural resources and tourism sectors of the economy.

His Excellency the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG made the announcement during **the Speech from the Throne** on January 18 under the theme: Positioning the Virgin Islands through Legislation to continue improving the standard of living of our people.

The theme is aligned with the direction and goals of the Government's 2022 Budget under the theme: "Strategically positioning New Industries with Sustainability and Innovation: Continuing to improve the standard of living with focus on Education, Small Business, Healthcare and Technology".

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<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/environment-priority-government>



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# LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Government of the Virgin Islands is determined to enact pieces of legislation that will holistically change the way that waste is treated in the Territory.

His Excellency the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG during **the Speech from the Throne on January 18** stated that the Government was working towards the Waste Management Bill and the Plastic Litter Reduction and Container Deposit Bills.

The Governor in his address under the theme: Positioning the Virgin Islands through Legislation to continue improving the standard of living of our people, said legislations which will be **brought forward to strengthen the legal framework for sustainable management of household waste, industrial waste, construction and demolition waste, and hazardous waste to protect health and the environment** while improving the aesthetics of the Virgin Islands.

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<https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/legislation-be-introduced-waste-management>



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# STATEMENTS BY HONOURABLE ANDREW A. FAHIE



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

I want to remind all of us to remain vigilant because COVID-19 has not gone anywhere. We all have to learn how to live and work in the new regular of COVID-19. More variants are emerging around the world, and numbers are rising. It is crucial that we continue to do our part by being vigilant and taking the necessary precautions to keep us all safe from this dreaded virus. Let us continue to pray for the full healing of all persons who have contracted COVID-19.

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

<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/statement-premier-and-minister-finance-honourable-andrew-fahie-looking-ahead-2022>



## NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE 2022 LET US HARNESS OUR STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES VIRGIN ISLANDS

The New Year, 2022, meets us with a new Budget in place to support our continued economic recovery and growth. Many more projects and programmes are already lined up for implementation with others in advanced stages of preparation. Opportunities from new industries such as the Gaming and Betting industry are around the corner. Your Government intends to work even more closely with the private sector to discover and launch further opportunities.

Statement from the Government of the Virgin Islands on the Further Extension of the Commission of Inquiry We note the Press Notice issued on 4th January, 2022 from the Commission of Inquiry (COI), announcing a further three-month delay to the COI's report. It is puzzling that the main reason cited by the Commission for delaying submission of the report to the Governor is the need to decide which parts of sensitive documents should be redacted (withheld from publication). All documents provided by the Government to the Commission are accessible by the Governor in unredacted form and could be supplied by the Commission to the Governor immediately and without change.

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<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/statement-government-virgin-islands-further-extension-commission-inquiry>



# STATEMENT BY CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER DR. RONALD GEORGES



## COVID-19 UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 28

As of the 28th of December 2021, there are 256 reported cases of COVID 19 in the Territory with the majority 218 on Tortola.

As previously mentioned all samples previously sent to CARPHA for typing were positive for the Delta variant and samples continue to be sent for typing on a regular basis.

In the Virgin Islands, clusters of cases have been identified among businesses, related to social gatherings, events, nightspots and other areas where persons congregate.

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<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/updated-statement-acting-chief-medical-officer-covid-19-update-december-28>



## COVID-19 UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 31, 2021

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Social Development, it is for us to inform you of the continued rise in cases in the current outbreak of COVID-19 in the Virgin Islands.

As of the 31st of December 2021, there are 423 reported active cases of COVID-19, with the majority 322 on Tortola.

Over the last seven days from the 24th of December 363 new cases of COVID-19 have been reported and new cases continue to be reported daily

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<http://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/statement-acting-chief-medical-officer-december-31-covid-19-update>



