## Bottom Line Up Front

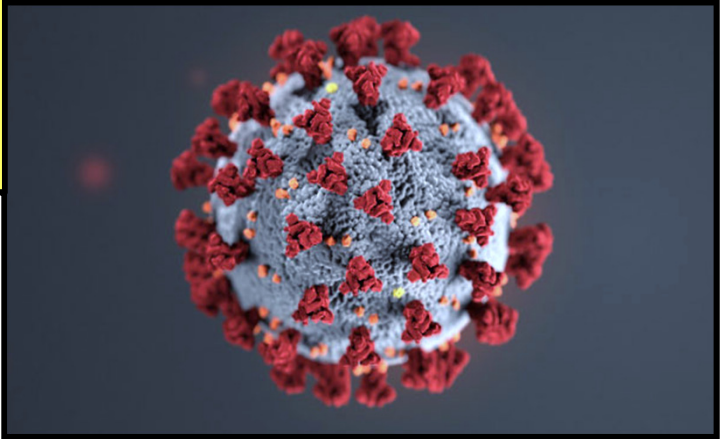
- 17 Confirmed Cases in USVI
- Community transmission identified on 03/20 for STX and 03/22 for STT
- Governor Bryan declares state of emergency on 03/13 and strengthens social distancing mandates on 03/19 and 03/23
- VIDOH transitioning logistics to VITEMA
- VIDOH sent federal requests for medical surge

## Objectives/Activities for Week of 03/21-23

1. **Prevent, delay, and mitigate transmission:** Develop screening at ports of entry; provide best practices and guidance to organizations to reduce transmission; protect first responders; develop strategies for vulnerable populations; and develop strategies for continuity of care.
2. **Conduct surveillance:** Inform the response based on epidemiologic data; liaise with healthcare sector to identify cases and define clinical and transmission characteristics; operate epi hotline; investigate persons under investigation; perform contact tracing of cases; conduct follow-up sampling of cases; coordinate with lab on specimens; and coordinate case management
3. **Provide public health & safety messaging:** Develop communication strategy; build capacity with partners; and provide daily timely information daily
4. **Provide medical guidance:** Provide Infection Prevention and Control guidance related to healthcare personnel and health systems; provide guidance to clinicians regarding patient treatment and management of patients with COVID-19; and establish and coordinate health care work group to share best practices and support a community of practice.
5. **Conduct lab testing:** Build laboratory testing capacity for VIDOH; explore external laboratory capacity; manage specimen collection; and manage lab supplies
6. **Coordinate medical surge capacity:** Assess resource needs (equipment, supplies, staff); inventory resources (equipment, supplies, staff); develop a health and medical staffing strategy: prepare resource requests for material aid and staff (federal partner, EMAC, etc); develop resource management, utilization, and prioritization plan (PPE, staffing); develop a medical surge plan; support surge isolation/quarantine plans; support development for concept of operations for patient tracking, transportation, and evacuation; establish twice weekly medical surge planning meetings

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# VIDOH's 2020 COVID-19 Response
# March 21-23, 2020



## Situation Summary

VIDOH is responding to a potential outbreak of the novel (new) coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes "coronavirus disease 2019" ("COVID-19).

## Concerns

- Sourcing PPE and nasal swabs
- Hotline capacity and timeliness
- Misinformation
- Surge capacity of hospitals and medical staff
- Surge capacity for investigations
- Material aid
- Funding for a potential response
- Expedited procurement options
- Logistical support for scaling the response
- MOUs for evacuations

## Public Information By the Numbers

- 7,600 total subscribers to TEXT COVID19USVI
- 9.6k views to doh.vi.gov/coronavirus on 03/22
- 2.5K daily views on Facebook @virginislandsDOH

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## 03/19-03/20 Activities

**Surveillance**:
- 74 PUIs= 17(0) positive, 1(1) pending, 56(15) negative
  *Numbers in ( ) are new in the last 24 hours*
- 221 hotline calls 03/21-23 (797 cumulative)
- Implemented PUI drive thru sampling on STT and STX
- Sourcing additional testing supplies
- Scoping hotels to support isolation planning
- Developed capacity for onsite sampling at Lime Tree

**Healthcare**:
- Established Dr. Tai Hunte-Ceasar as HealthCare Chief
- Submitted request for Federal Medical station and testing swabs on 03/19
- Developing medical surge plan
- Provided medical guidance and communicated future staffing needs to local providers
- Established weekly medical provider meeting to share best practices
- Typing and quantifying medical facility needs/issues
- Tracking arrival of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

**Lab**
- Established new sampling and through-put process
- Awaiting arrival of essential PCR equipment
- Expecting arrival of swab media for use with sampling

**Mitigation:**
- Presentations = 36 to date with 512 attendees
- Train the trainer session scheduled for Thursday 03/26
- Training materials developed for distro to trainers
- DOH COOP implemented Monday 03/23
- Scoping airport screening mission with VING
- Scoping behavioral health mission
- Developing community engagement strategy
- Targeted messages for seniors starting this week in coordination with DHS
- Supporting business compliance monitoring

## Contact Numbers

**STX EOC Hotlines (Hours 8am-10pm):**
DOH: 340-712-6298
VITEMA: 340-774-2244

**STT EOC Hotlines (Hours 8am-10pm):**
DOH: 340-776-1518
VITEMA: 340-773-2244

**Epi Hotlines (Potential PUIs only)**:
St. Croix: 340-712-6299
St. Thomas/St. John: 340-776-1519

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