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## Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands To Host COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — Seniors, and persons with disabilities are among those hit the hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. To assure that this community receives pertinent information relating to the Virgin Islands COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan, the Office of the Governor's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Office has coordinated with the Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands (DRCVI) to host a virtual Town Hall via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

The forum will feature representatives from the Virgin Islands Department of Health who will participate in a panel discussion on the Territory's distribution plan, and there will be a Question & Answer session with Zoom participants.

"The disability community and their families and caregivers are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan," said Archie Jennings, Managing Attorney of DRCVI. "Sign language interpreters will be participating in the event to ensure that participants fully understand the information being shared and are able to ask questions of the healthcare experts."

Julien Henley Sr., the Territorial ADA Coordinator, said the Town Hall will have vital information specific to the disability community in the USVI.

"The data shows us that seniors and persons with disabilities have been hit hard by this virus," Coordinator Henley said. "This virtual forum is the perfect opportunity for these individuals and their loved ones to get any underlying concerns they may have addressed and allow them to make a sound decision regarding the COVID-19 vaccination."

To participate in the Town Hall meeting, please use this direct link to the Zoom meeting: <a href="https://bit.ly/3nFux4S">https://bit.ly/3nFux4S</a>. For additional information please call 340-473-3523.

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