



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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**TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 September 13, 2021, as many as 6298 persons, including 66 deceased persons, tested positive for COVID-19 in the Virgin Islands, with 160 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 August 6, 2021, as amended, supplemented, renewed, and extended, do hereby ORDER:

SECTION 1. the *Twenty-Fourth Supplemental Executive Order* issued on May 25, 2021, as amended, is further amended in Section 1. B. in internal paragraph 2. by striking “*July 30, 2021,*” and inserting “*December 31, 2021*” in its place, in order to allow the eviction moratorium to continue under the listed conditions.

SECTION 2. the *Twenty-First Supplemental Executive Order* issued on January 27, 2021, as amended, is further amended in Section 6. H. by striking paragraph 4 in its entirety and removing the additional attendance restrictions on funerals.

SECTION 3. the *Twenty-Third Supplemental Executive Order* issued on April 19, 2021, as amended, is further amended in Section 1. D. in internal paragraph 5. by striking the language in its entirety and replacing it with

*“4) **HIGH-RISK Sports:** All organized contact sports, including but not limited to basketball, volleyball, and football, and organized team sports, to include leagues, “pick-up games”, scholastic athletic associations, but not exclusive to those named, are authorized to have training exercises that do not include player contact. All high-risk sports are prohibited from conducting games and organized group activities.*

*5) **LOW-RISK Sports:** All low-risk sports such as baseball, softball, bowling, golf, cross country, swimming, tennis, table tennis, pool, track and field, and competitive cheerleading are authorized to conduct training exercise, games, and organized group activities, so long as they do not include player contact and adhere to all social distancing, mass gathering, and facial covering regulations.”*

SECTION 4. All laws and rules and regulations relating to the inspections of private motor vehicles for the processing of vehicle registrations shall be suspended until March 15, 2022, unless earlier lifted or rescinded or superseded by another applicable Executive Order by the Governor of the U.S Virgin Islands.

SECTION 5. 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 14th day of September, A.D., 2021.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:


Trogenza A. Roach
Lt. Governor