**Covid-19 and Islands**

***US Virgin Islands, USA***

1. What actions are being taken to protect the island community from Covid 19? In particular, how are travel restrictions being put in place and enforced?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
|  | 25 March 2020 | * Hospitality services shut down. All non-essential required to work from home. |
| See [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Situation Report](https://www.cdema.org/FINAL_CDEMA_Situation_Report_3_-_COVID_19_Outbreak_26_March_2020.pdf) | 26 March 2020 | * The BVI Airports and Seaports in the territory will be closed to incoming traffic effective March 22, 2020 at 11:59pm. The closure to incoming traffic will be for a period of 14 days in the first instance and will allow passengers to depart the territory between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm until April 6, 2020. Cargo and medical evacuation flights will be allowed to operate during this period. |
| Miguel Quinones  syrQul  [miguel.quinones@email.com](mailto:miguel.quinones@email.com) | 25 May 2020 | * There are no travel restrictions, the action taken was to prevent hotels and other accommodations to rent rooms to tourists. |
| Jeff Miller  National Park Service  [William\_J\_Miller@nps.gov](mailto:William_J_Miller@nps.gov) | 13 May 2020 | * Some Law Enforcement oversite, some National Guard Patrols, shutdowns and physical distancing. |

1. What actions will be taken should people on the island have Covid 19?

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| Miguel Quinones  syrQul  [miguel.quinones@email.com](mailto:miguel.quinones@email.com) | 25 May 2020 | * Home quarantines and hospital if the symptoms become severe. |
| Jeff Miller  National Park Service  [William\_J\_Miller@nps.gov](mailto:William_J_Miller@nps.gov) | 13 May 2020 | * Family Doctor, referral to clinic if necessary. Possible evac to St. Thomas for hospitalization. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that essential goods and services are provided to the island community?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
|  | 25 March 2020 | * Unsure. Grocery stores opened. No more than 10 people allowed to congregate |
| Miguel Quinones  syrQul  [miguel.quinones@email.com](mailto:miguel.quinones@email.com) | 25 May 2020 | * Continued supply of all essential needs, no plan in case a mayor disruption takes place, ie problems with food, PPE, or medicines supply |
| Jeff Miller  National Park Service  [William\_J\_Miller@nps.gov](mailto:William_J_Miller@nps.gov) | 13 May 2020 | * Those businesses are considered essential and finding ways to remain open. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that people working on the islands, not only in the tourism sector, are sustained financially in the short term and in the long term?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
|  | 25 March 2020 | * None. Not communicated |
| Miguel Quinones  syrQul  [miguel.quinones@email.com](mailto:miguel.quinones@email.com) | 25 May 2020 | * The local government is following the lead of the US Federal Government, otherwise the current local income deficit prevents further action as the cash in hand is probably less than USD 10M. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure the mental well-being of people on the islands?

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|  | 25 March 2020 | * None to date |
| Miguel Quinones  syrQul  [miguel.quinones@email.com](mailto:miguel.quinones@email.com) | 25 May 2020 | * There are health phone help lines where people can call when they feel distressed. |

1. If you consider it appropriate, feel free to share any data about people who have Covid 19 on your island and of people who, sadly, have passed away because of Covid 19.

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| See [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Situation Report](https://www.cdema.org/FINAL_CDEMA_Situation_Report_3_-_COVID_19_Outbreak_26_March_2020.pdf) | 26 March 2020 | As of 25 March:   * 2 confirmed cases (imported) |
| Miguel Quinones  syrQul  [miguel.quinones@email.com](mailto:miguel.quinones@email.com) | 25 May 2020 | The spread has been contained by the lockdown, although many don't take it very seriously as they wear their masks haphazardly. |

1. If applicable, how are the lockdown measures being relaxed?

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| Miguel Quinones  syrQul  [miguel.quinones@email.com](mailto:miguel.quinones@email.com) | 25 May 2020 | Yes, cruise ships will be allowed starting June 1st. Social distancing still in effect for now. |
| Jeff Miller  National Park Service  [William\_J\_Miller@nps.gov](mailto:William_J_Miller@nps.gov) | 13 May 2020 | * We are in a Phase 1 as defined by [www.vi.gov](http://www.vi.gov) |

1. Is there anything else you want to share?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
|  | 25 March 2020 | * Lack of preparedness, especially given lesson learned from Irmaria |
| Miguel Quinones  syrQul  [miguel.quinones@email.com](mailto:miguel.quinones@email.com) | 25 May 2020 | * This pandemic highlights the importance of better planning mechanisms at the highest levels (UN, WHO) to come up with a better strategy to address spread, contagion, and availability of resources to communities in need instead of the free for all that has taken place. |

1. Resources

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