



## THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

### CURRENT COVID-19 RULES HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE 21<sup>ST</sup> SUPPLEMENTAL EXO AS AMENDED THROUGH THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SUPPLEMENTAL EXO

#### ➤ SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- ✓ Stand 6 feet away from any person that does not live in your house
- ✓ When 6 feet not possible, wear your mask

#### ➤ MASK RULE:

##### ❖ *Applies to:*

- ✓ Everyone: over 2 years of age
- ✓ Everyone: Vaxxed or Not Vaxxed
- ✓ Everyone: who is not in his/her private home or car → and closer than 6 feet from another person that does not live in their house
- ✓ Everyone riding public transportation: buses, taxis, cars for hire, and ferries
- ✓ Everyone entering a business
- ✓ Anyone entering or standing inside any bar, restaurant, or nightclub

##### ❖ *Wearing of Masks or Facial Covering:*

- ✓ Must cover BOTH the nose and mouth
- ✓ Wear whenever 6 feet from any person not from your house
- ✓ Wear whenever entering any business
  
- ✓ DO NOT have to wear during active exercise, indoor or outdoor
- ✓ NO exhalation valves or vents should be on your mask (Ineffective)
- ✓ NO ski masks and stocking caps allowed

##### ❖ *Violation of Mask Rules:*

- ✓ \$50 First offense
- ✓ \$100 Each additional offense
- ✓ Any additional penalties available pursuant to VI Law

#### ➤ MASS GATHERINGS:

- ❖ ***NO event is allowed that gathers 100*** persons in a single space at the same time (*Changes beginning August 13*)
  - ✓ Organized Activities of **LESS THAN 100** persons are allowed **ONLY** with the approval from the Department of Health
  - ✓ Any other permits mandated before Covid are still required after DOH approval

➤ **BEACHES:**

- ❖ Beach can be used at any time (*Changes beginning August 13*)
- ❖ ***NO Group Gatherings of any numbers allowed on the beaches:***
  - ✓ NO picnics
  - ✓ NO parties
  - ✓ NO camping
  - ✓ NO bonfire
- ❖ ***Swimming, sunbathing, lounging and working out are allowed on the beach, but:***
  - ✓ NO disc-jockey (DJ), no DJ equipment
  - ✓ NO band,
  - ✓ NO cooking, no barbecuing, no grilling
- ❖ Social distancing and Mask rules apply when closer than 6 feet from another person that does not live in the same house

➤ **RESTAURANTS & BAR – Including nightclubs with bar license authorized to operate by DOH:**

❖ ***Who Can Open:***

- ✓ Anyone with a *Restaurant License*
- ✓ Anyone with a *Bar License*
- ✓ A nightclub with a Bar or Restaurant License (with tables for SEATED SERVICE)

❖ ***Seated Service Only:***

- ✓ Must be seated 4 feet from any other party (table or group of bar seats)
- ✓ Party/table size is Not limited
- ✓ Allowed to sit at the bar counter
- ✓ Can order food, or alcohol, or both → but must be seated
- ✓ NO standing around the bar counter
- ✓ NO serving to people standing at the bar counter
- ✓ Mask required to enter
- ✓ Masks required when not seated

❖ ***Takeout Orders:***

- ✓ Must wait outside of the restaurant
- ✓ Can sell alcoholic beverages with take-out orders that include food

❖ ***Time Of Operations:***

- ✓ Alcohol sales and service stop at 11:00 p.m.
- ✓ Close at 12:00 midnight

- ✓ Workers may remain inside to close

❖ **Occupancy Capacity**

- ✓ limited to 75 percent of the regular number set by Business License or the Fire Marshall before COVID, or 100 customers, **whichever is less**
- ✓ IF a temporary occupancy certificate was issued → then 100 percent of that capacity

❖ **Entertainment:**

- ✓ In house music is allowed
- ✓ Live music is allowed – in licensed establishments – with social distancing requirements
- ✓ Disc Jockey (DJ) entertainment is allowed - in licensed establishments
- ✓ Must stop at 12:00 a.m., midnight → Closing time
- ✓ Pool tables and games are allowed → must wear mask
- ✓ NO DANCING allowed → by anyone: not patrons, not staff

➤ **FOOD TRUCKS:**

- ❖ Can operate as “drive-through,” “take-out,” or “delivery”
- ❖ Mask and Social distancing rules apply
- ❖ If they have seating area under their permit
  - ✓ Then they can operate like restaurants
  - ✓ Seated service only with restaurant rules

➤ **RETAIL STORES**

- ❖ Capacity limit to 75 percent of the regular occupancy per room capacity set by Business License or the Fire Marshall prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, or 100 customers, **whichever is less**
- ❖ Masks must be worn by employees and patrons
- ❖ Social Distancing rules of 6 feet between persons still apply
- ❖ This limitation on the capacity of individuals does not apply to grocery stores, big-box stores, pharmacies, and fuel service stations BUT they must still maintain the practice of social distancing of six feet or more between persons

- ❖ Alcohol sales and service stop at 11:00 p.m.
  
- **INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES:** (bowling alleys, movie theaters, casinos, and gaming centers)
  - ❖ ***Time Of Operations:***
    - ✓ Alcohol sales and service stop at 11:00 p.m.
    - ✓ Close at 12:00 midnight
    - ✓ Workers may remain inside to close
  
  - ❖ ***Seated Food & Beverage Service Only:***
    - ✓ Must be seated 4 feet from any other party (table or group of bar seats)
    - ✓ Allowed to sit at the bar counter
    - ✓ Can order food, or alcohol, or both → but must be seated
    - ✓ NO standing around the bar counter
    - ✓ NO serving to people standing at the bar counter
    - ✓ Masks required if not seated
  
- **ATHLETIC FACILITIES & SPORTS:** (wellness centers, fitness centers, gyms, tennis courts, athletic fields, and golf courses)
  - ❖ Social distancing requirement of 6 feet required between individuals
  - ❖ Equipment must be properly sanitized before and after each use
  - ❖ No sharing of equipment
  - ❖ Facility must be sanitized regularly throughout the day
  - ❖ Hand sanitizer must be provided at the door
  - ❖ ***HIGH RISK sports***
    - ✓ High risk sports: organized contact sports, including but not limited to basketball, volleyball, and football
    - ✓ Can practice and train
    - ✓ No player contact
    - ✓ No actual games
  - ❖ ***LOW RISK sports***

- ✓ Low risk sports: Baseball, softball, bowling, golf, cross country, swimming, tennis, table tennis, track and field, competitive cheerleading
- ✓ Are permitted to train and compete
- ✓ No player contact

➤ **PERSONAL GROOMING SERVICES:** (barbershops, hair salons, nail salons, massage therapists)

❖ Sanitization:

- ✓ All equipment, furniture, and counters are disinfected after use with each client
- ✓ The facility is sanitized regularly throughout the day
- ✓ Hand sanitizer must be provided for all patrons entering the establishment.

❖ All customers awaiting services are to:

- ✓ wait outside of the business establishment
- ✓ be socially distanced → 6ft apart.

❖ Any additional guidelines for these types of services provided by the Department of Health shall be strictly followed

➤ **HOUSES OF WORSHIP:**

❖ No more than 75 percent of the regular occupancy is allowed per room capacity set by Business License or the Fire Marshall prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, or **100** individuals, **whichever is less:**

- ✓ This count includes pastoral leaders, employees, and volunteers
- ✓ This only applies up to a number where the social distancing of 4 feet between parties and the skipping of alternating rows is possible

❖ Masks still apply for everyone

❖ Religious leaders, readers, or musical soloist may remove their mask:

- ✓ Only while conducting service, reading, or singing
- ✓ Only if they stay 10 ft away from all persons while unmasked

❖ Attendance at a funeral or memorial is limited to:

- ✓ immediate family only
- ✓ no more than 10 family members at any one time

- ❖ Churches can give communion:
  - ✓ Only if it is presented to the receivers in protected containers
  - ✓ Do not require any administration by the officiant
  
- **NURSING HOMES:** Visitation to nursing homes is strictly prohibited
  
- **TAXICABS & SAFARIS**
  - ❖ limited to 75% of their capacity
  - ❖ If all the passengers are of the same family or group, the taxicab or safari can exceed the limitation on capacity
  - ❖ Masks must be worn by the driver and all passengers at all times
  - ❖ All sanitizing measures still apply
  
- **LANDLORD TENNANT MATTERS**
  - ❖ No increase in rental fees for *residential* properties
  - ❖ No increase in rental fees for *commercial* properties
  - ❖ *Applies to*
    - ✓ leaseholds
    - ✓ tenancies at-will
  
- **TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND OPERATIONS:**
  - ❖ *Everyone must obtain clearance from the USVI COVID Travel Portal to enter the U.S. Virgin Islands:*
    - ✓ Adults
    - ✓ Children 5 years of age and older
    - ✓ USVI residents
    - ✓ USVI visitors
    - ✓ Traveling to the Territory from any port of embarkation outside of the Territory

- ✓ Traveling through the Territory from any port of embarkation outside of the Territory regardless of final destination
- ❖ ***Clearance for travel to the USVI (the GREEN QR Code) must be obtained before boarding the plane or boat***
- ❖ ***All travelers need one of the following to get clearance through the portal for clearance:***
  - ✓ a COVID-19 negative PCR or antigen test result → within 5-days of travel to the U.S.V.I.
    - Negative test result must be uploaded to the portal
  - ✓ a COVID-19 positive Antibody test result → within four (4) months of travel to the U.S.V.I. (Until August 12, 2021)
    - Positive test result must be uploaded to the portal
  - ✓ a vaccination card showing completed COVID-19 vaccination administered in the U.S.V.I.
    - Vaccination must have been in the USVI
    - Vaccination card does not need to be uploaded but should be carried in case evidence is requested
    - Traveler can select their vaccination status in the portal without uploading the card
  - ✓ *\*ALL TRAVELERS FROM THE BVI require a COVID-19 negative PCR or antigen test result → within 2-days of travel to the U.S.V.I.*
    - *Regardless of Vaccination*
    - *Regardless of Antibody test results*
- ❖ ***All travelers, by sea or by air, are required to comply with:***
  - ✓ Any Travelers Advisory posted or circulated by:
    - the V.I. Department of Health
    - the V.I. Port Authority
    - the V.I. Department of Tourism
  - ✓ Requirement for masks or facial coverings
  - ✓ Temperature scan, testing, and quarantine
- ❖ ***Facial coverings are required***

- ✓ On board all public transportation
- ✓ All ferries between all islands in or entering the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands
- ✓ all flights between all islands in or entering the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands