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Governor Bryan Issues Proclamation Granting Administrative Leave for Carnival

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — Governor Albert Bryan Jr. has issued a proclamation granting administrative leave for non-essential government employees next week for Carnival celebrations.

The Administrative leave schedule is:

- **Wednesday, April 27 –** Non-essential government employees in the St. Thomas-Water Island-St. John District are granted leave from 1 to 5 p.m. for the Food Fair.
- **Thursday, April 28 –** Non-essential government employees in the St. Thomas-Water Island-St. John District are granted leave from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for J'ouvert.
- **Friday, April 29 –** Non-essential government employees Territorywide are granted administrative leave from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the Carnival festivities, the Virgin Islands Department of Health is urging residents to protect themselves and their loved ones during the Carnival festivities by following the recommended guidelines on hand-washing and social distancing, especially with persons with whom they do not reside. The Department of Health is also recommending that residents wear masks, especially when in large crowds.

During Carnival, the Department of Health will have a van and a tent at the Carnival Village and will provide COVID-19 vaccines, as well as COVID-19, HIV and STD testing, each night from 7 to 10 p.m.

Additionally, anyone who becomes fully vaccinated through April 30, whether at the clinics or at the Village or Food Fair, will receive the $250 incentive gift card.

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