



## **COVID-19 Protocol for UVI In-Person Commencement Ceremonies**

Thursday, May 12 – Orville E. Kean Campus, St. Thomas – Sports & Fitness Center  
Friday, May 13 – Albert A. Sheen Campus, St. Croix – Campus Grounds Under the Tent  
Both Ceremonies Begin Promptly at 1:00p.m.

- 1) **FACE MASKS** – The use of face masks is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. We are anticipating very large crowds. Please be diligent and protect yourselves as necessary. Where possible, please also maintain some degree of social distancing, sit with your group and practice good hand-hygiene.
- 2) **ENTRY TO COMMENCEMENT** – ALL UVI graduates and employees, participants and guests, including infants, will be required to present a ticket for entry to commencement on both campuses.
- 3) **PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION** – All graduates, participants and attendees will have to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination for entry to commencement. Please be prepared to present your vaccination card, whether in physical or digital format (not QR Code), together with a valid I.D. [Vaccination means in a 2-dose series like Moderna and Pfizer Vaccines having received your two shots. In the case of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Vaccine, only 1-shot is required. For commencement entry purposes, a booster is not required.]

If you are unable or fail to show proof of vaccination or forget your vaccination card at home, there is no way to verify onsite your status. As a result, you will have to instead present a 24-hour negative COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test result from a valid lab, physician or V.I. Department of Health together with a valid I.D. No self or home tests will be accepted. Tests outside of the 24-hour window will not be accepted.

**Please note that only children ages 5 and under are not required to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a test result.**

- 4) **UNVACCINATED GRADUATES AND ATTENDEES** – ALL unvaccinated persons must present a 24-hour negative COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test result from a valid lab, physician or V.I. Department of Health together with a valid I.D. No self or home tests will be accepted. Tests outside of the 24-hour window will not be accepted. In an effort to assist you with this process, the University has partnered with V.I. Department of Health to provide free testing the day before each ceremony.

Please see the attached testing schedule. Individuals are strongly encouraged to timely pre-register online. Limited walk-ins and drive thru accepted. Test results will be sent directly to patient by VI Department of Health via the mobile number you provide during the registration process.

Do not wait until the last minute. Individuals without a valid 24-hour negative test result or proof of COVID-19 vaccination will not be permitted to enter the ceremony.

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## **V.I. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COVID-19 TESTING SCHEDULE FOR UVI**

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

#### **ORVILLE E. KEAN CAMPUS, ST. THOMAS**

- Time for Testing: 9am – 2pm
- Date: Wednesday, May 11
  - (St. Thomas – In front of Sports & Fitness Center)

On V.I. Department of Health's <https://www.covid19.usvi.care/testing>, see link (on right of the page) to all testing links where you can choose Special Testing Events links for either island and select **STT Commencement Testing**: [Covid-19 Testing | Beacon USVI](#)

**NOTE: Select only the Commencement Testing Option for the 24-hour results.**

St. Thomas direct link here: [Special Event STT - Patient Registration Powered By Hummingbird Health \(usvi.care\)](#)

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#### **ALBERT A. SHEEN CAMPUS, ST. CROIX**

- Time for Testing: 9am – 2pm
- Date: Thursday, May 12
  - (St. Croix – Northwest Wing Trellis in front of Melvin Evans Center Building)

On V.I. Department of Health's <https://www.covid19.usvi.care/testing>, see link (on right of the page) to all testing links where you can choose Special Testing Events links for either island and select **STX Commencement Testing**: [Covid-19 Testing | Beacon USVI](#)

**NOTE: Select only the Commencement Testing Option for the 24-hour results.**

St. Croix direct link here: [DOH Epidemiology Division \(STX\) - Patient Registration Powered By Hummingbird Health \(usvi.care\)](#)