

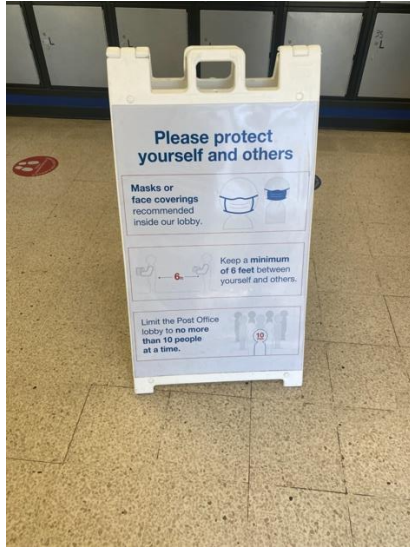
Pandemic in Paradise



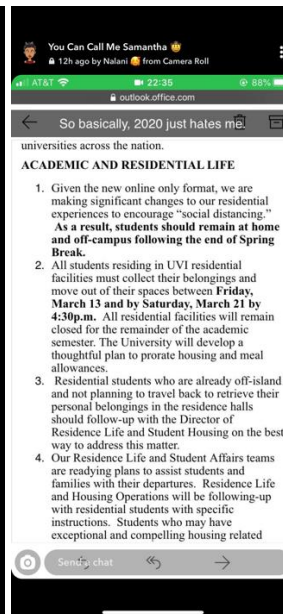
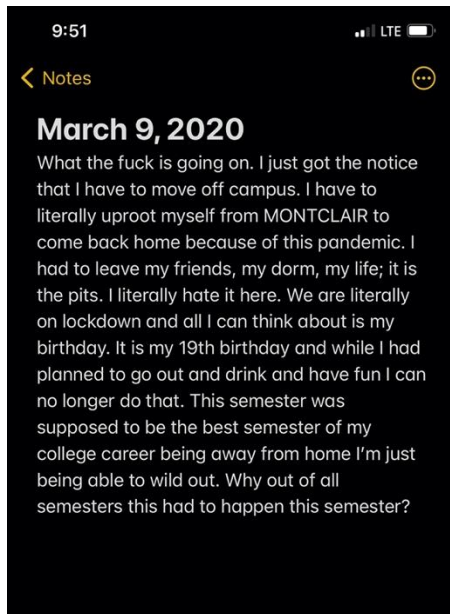
The Black Lives Matter Movement was an instrumental part of the Pandemic. On St. Thomas, the first march was in June. Throughout the pandemic in the USVI and in the continental US, the Black Lives Matter protest went hand in hand. Even though there was a major health crisis happening, the unnecessary killings of persons of color by the police or even police brutality on a whole finally reached its tipping point with thousands of persons going to the streets to protest. Commendable actions that were highlighted by the masks worn and hand sanitizer being given out to protestors to keep safe in the pandemic.



During the pandemic social distancing was and still played a huge role in controlling the curve. This picture depicts VIYA customers outside taking part in social distancing. Before the pandemic, customers could have gone inside and enjoyed the a/c, however due to the pandemic and social distance guidelines for the size of the buildings restricts the amount of people inside. Now customers have to stand outside under the tents before going inside to talk to customer service or to pay their bill.



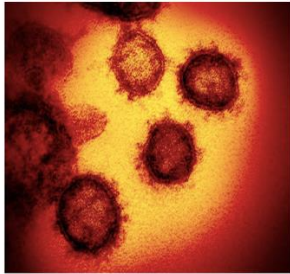
Masks have been essential through the pandemic. The second picture shows the mandates put in place by the governor. All stores must have their customers wear masks when they are in the stores or establishments. The first picture was taken in the Post Office. The sign is located as soon as patrons' step in reminding persons to all ways have on their masks and to stay six feet away.



This picture on the left is from my journal on my phone. This entry was the day that I found out that I had until March 17 to vacate my dorm room at Montclair State University in New Jersey. I attended the National Student Exchange at MSU for Spring 2020. The semester was cut short a little bit after midterms. It was one of the hardest moments of my academic career. The picture on the left was the same sentiment shared by one of my friends on their snap chat. The email shown was that tell the students staying on campus that they had to leave campus.

COVID outbreak confirmed at Queen Louise senior home on St. Thomas

By SUDANNE CARLSON Daily News Staff Aug 13, 2020



The majority of the elderly residents at the Queen Louise Home for the Aged on St. Thomas have tested positive for COVID-19. Photo by AP/WIDEWORLD

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ST. THOMAS — Nearly 60% of elderly residents at the Queen Louise Home for the Aged have tested positive for COVID-19 amid an ongoing surge in confirmed cases on St. Thomas, according to a statement issued by Government House on Wednesday evening.

"Of 17 residents tested, 10 returned positive results, and of 25 Queen Louise staff tested, 6 tested positive," according to the statement issued by spokesman Gerry Yandel. "Department of Human Services leadership and staff, including the Queen Louise physician, Department of Health and CDC physicians and staff and the Schneider Regional Medical Center are working collaboratively to address the unfolding reality of the coronavirus and to spread love the facility."

Residents who tested negative "will be relocated to non-congregate sheltering to try to maintain their negative status and good health. Re-testing will occur in accordance with guidance from the lead Epidemiologist with Department of Health," according to the statement. "The residents who tested positive are thus far asymptomatic or displaying only mild symptoms. All are being closely monitored and treated by the multi-disciplinary team. None of the residents have required hospitalization."

COVID-positive staff are quarantining and none have displayed serious symptoms that required hospitalization, according to Yandel.



These pictures are a news article from the Daily News telling the public of the outbreak within the Queen Louise senior home. During the pandemic the senior community especially in senior homes were greatly impacted by the pandemic. Many older folks died, and their love ones were left with not being able to give them a proper burial and even not being able to see them one last time. Many bodies went unclaimed in the high points of the pandemic in the US, leaving the family members questioning where there love ones were buried.

Overall, I hope that these photos can provide an accurate view in the life within the pandemic. A lot of times history can get lost if it is not shared and the feelings of the persons living in that time period are not properly documented. With my primary sources I hope to contribute to the accurate telling of the pandemic and how college students felt.