

March 17, 2020

**UPDATE ON MISSIONS AND CONSULATES RESPONSE TO COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

KINGSTOWN, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, March 17, 2020

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce wishes to inform the general public of the update on various responsive measures taken by the SVG Consulates and High Commission in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

SVG Consulate in New York, USA

The Consulate will be closed effective March 18, 2020 until further notice. A system of providing Emergency Travel Documents via e-mail have been implemented and, all processing of passport applications will be done via mail. All new applicants will be required to pay for courier mail (FedEx) delivery as in-person services are suspended.

SVG Consulate in Toronto, Canada

The Office at the Consulate of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Toronto, Canada have implemented the following procedures as of March 17, 2020:

1. Office will remain closed to the public.
2. Applications for passports will be by mail ONLY.
3. Emergency passports will not be issued until further advised.
4. Applicants are asked to call 647 967 3480 for emergencies.

The SVG High Commission in London, United Kingdom

The High Commission in London has implemented the following measures:

1. Operating at reduced service for Consular and welfare matters and persons are asked not to visit the Mission during the period of the Covid-19 pandemic until further notice.
2. All passport and other consular face to face appointments are currently suspended.
3. For passports, travel documents and Consular advice persons are required to send a message to the SVG High Commission with their name, telephone number, postal address, email address and the nature of their enquiry.
4. Applications for Passports and delivery of Passports may take longer than usual.
5. Processed Passports will not be available for collection; these will be sent by Special Delivery.
6. All payments must be made by credit card or Bank Transfer.
7. Opening Hours are from 10:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The public is asked to be guided accordingly.

For further information, please contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce at telephone number 456 2060.



**CONSULATE GENERAL OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
TO USA
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United States of America**

**Closure of the Consulate General of St Vincent and the Grenadines to In-Person Business from
Wednesday March 18, 2020 Until Further Notice**

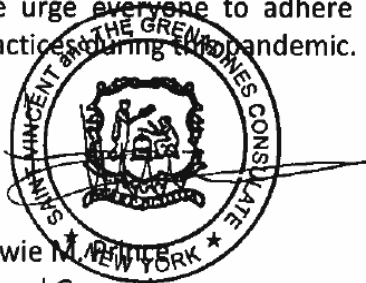
As a result of the PAHO declared pandemic caused by the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19), and in keeping with the advisories regarding social distancing to curtail the spread from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as well as those of the Governor of the State of New York and the Mayor's Office of NYC, we hereby announce that ***the Consulate General of St Vincent and the Grenadines to the USA will be closed to in-person business from Wednesday March, 18, 2020 until further notice.***

During the period of closure, applications for passports can be made via mail. Applicants are encouraged to include an additional \$21.00USD to have the completed passport returned to the applicant by FedEx.

Applicants for **Emergency Travel Documents** can be made via email to vinsof@svgconsulateny.org. Please include a telephone number where we can reach you to help in expediting your application.

We will monitor the situation regarding the return to normalcy and will move to resume normal business practices as soon as it is rendered safe to do so.

We urge everyone to adhere to the advice of the Health and State/City Officials regarding safe practices during the pandemic.



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