

Ku kiko nos por asistí bo? Buska**March 19, 2020****Information on preschools that will remain open during the Corona Virus crisis**

WILLEMSTAD – In connection with the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic, The Government of Curaçao, together with the Organization for the Integral Development of the Child (SIFMA/ODIM), wishes to inform the parents of children attending pre-school and all who labor at a preschool of the following information.

As announced by the Government of Curaçao, starting Tuesday march 17, 2020, all preschools (including nurseries/childcare/kindergarten) and afterschool institutions, similar to schools, must close until Monday March 21, 2020. The school closure period will be evaluated on Thursday March 19, and all changes will be communicated accordingly.

The Government appeals to parents that have children in preschool but who must work in order to attend to the crisis situation, to first and foremost, try to arrange care within the family network. Do not leave children with the elderly, as they are most at risk and vulnerable to the virus. If care cannot be arranged through family, then it is possible to make use of 3 preschools that will remain open during the crisis.

The preschools that will remain open will welcome children whose parents must remain at work during the crisis, for example medical professionals, education professionals, law enforcement, supermarket employees, media, public transportation, public sanitation (Selikor) and others as stipulated in the attached list. (See attachment)

Parents who fall within the mentioned categories and who wish to arrange care for their children, can contact the preschool their child currently attends to receive more information on the preschools that will remain open during the crisis. Please be advised that a few short questions will be asked in order to evaluate the request.

The Government counts on the preschools that are open during the crisis to provide the necessary support to parents who may need their assistance in caring for their children.

Any parents or persons who may have additional questions, can contact ODIM (Organization for the Integral Development of the Child) at the following contact numbers:

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Call & Whatsapp: +599 9 5297369,+599 9 562 7369

March 16, 2020



COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS

PRECAUTION MEASURES

STARTING MONDAY, MARCH 16 2020

1. Incoming flights:

- All commercial flights are canceled with the exception of flights carrying local residents in the possession of a valid retour-ticket, and a sédula.
- Authorized specialists, freight and medical services between Aruba, Bonaire, Sint Maarten, St. Eustatius & Saba are exceptions to the rules.
- All returning residents are obliged to spend 14 days in quarantine. This needs to take place at home, as long as this is possible.

2. Departing flights:

Only non-residents are allowed to travel. Residents are not allowed to travel abroad.

3. Maritime traffic:

All maritime traffic is prohibited to enter our country with the exception of certain cases such as the transportation of fuel, ships for repair, freight, etc. The local authorities have been informed of this list and will do the necessary checks..

4. All public, social, cultural, sport, and religious activities are cancelled until further notice. All permits for events that have previously been issued are hereby recalled.

In case of a funeral only family is allowed to attend, with a maximum of 10 people together in the same space.

5. With reference to work:

Work as much as possible from home, under the condition that this is in consultation with the direct head of department or employer.

People working in critical functions such as maintenance of public order, public hygiene and care, must consult with their superiors to be able to continue working.

6. Everyone must stay home as much as possible. If one has to leave the house, a 2 meter distance rule needs to be enforced. People are allowed to leave for the following:

- Those that work in critical functions.
- To shop in the supermarkets.
- To visit the bank and insurance companies.
- To visit refill stations for gas & gas stations.
- For nature walks.
- To go to the beach.
- To go to the pharmacy.

All schools, including private schools, universities and child day-care facilities must close.

7. All restaurants, snack bars and food & beverage service (including in hotels) are only allowed to provide food delivery or pick up services.

It is not allowed to sit, socialize or eat in these establishments. If this still takes place, it will be closed. More details will follow..

8. Until further notice, it is not allowed to visit seniors in nursing homes, in order to protect this vulnerable group as much as possible.

9. When using Public transportation please adhere to the 2 meter distance rule and the rules for hygiene.

10. After evaluation exceptions to all rules are possible.



March 15, 2020

DAILY DEVELOPMENTS COVID-19:

- In order to properly prepare the schools in Curaçao regarding preventive measures against Covid-19, all schools will be closed as of Tuesday 17th March. This measure will be applicable for the rest of the week.

Exceptions are group 8 of Primary School, in connection with preparations for the EFO test and the exam classes of the secondary schools (HAVO, VWO and VSBO) due to the upcoming exams. Students of the mentioned classes have to attend school as they would normally do!

- After an evaluation, it will be decided upcoming Thursday 19th March whether there is a need to maintain the schools closed for a longer period.
- This decision was made in close consultation between the Curaçao Government and the various school boards.
- The Government and the school boards will jointly issue a statement on this preparatory measure.



Additional information regarding official air travel measures from Europe to Curaçao starting March 15, 2020

These official measures concern flights of operators KLM, TUI and Condor.

- 1) All air travel from Europe to Hato International Airport has been suspended until further notice starting March 15, 2020.
- 2) From an operational standpoint, the decision was made by KLM and TUI to proceed with the scheduled flight crews and schemes.
- 3) In agreement with the decision of the Council of Ministers (read: Government of Curaçao) no travelers from Europe are allowed to enter the country with the exception of medical specialists, health care workers and other professionals.
- 4) According to the decision of the Council of Ministers, all residents of Curaçao with a return ticket are allowed to travel to Curaçao. This will be evaluated on a daily basis.
- 5) All travelers that want to travel from Curaçao back to Europe, will be accommodated on the regularly scheduled flights. KLM and TUI will continue these flights as a regular service with the same flight numbers.
- 6) As there is no reason to be concerned that the virus will be transmitted through cargo, all cargo transportation will continue as scheduled and are exempt from these measures.
- 7) Circular flights AMS-BON/AUA-CUR will be allowed to land at Hato International Airport. Passengers traveling from BON/AUA to AMS through CUR will remain seated in the plane and will not transit through Hato International Airport.
- 8) As agreed with Winair/Air Antilles and Aruba Airlines, travelers from Europe cannot be flown to Curaçao with Aruba Airlines, Winair and/or Jetair.
- 9) These official measures apply until further notice.

More information on the abovementioned adopted measures will follow today, Saturday March 14, 2020, during the daily scheduled information session on Coronavirus in Curaçao at 11:30 pm through official Government channels on Facebook *Gobiernu di Kòrsou*.



March 14, 2020

Developments regarding Corona Virus and Curaçao are as follows:

- A second case of infection with the Corona Virus (Covid-19) has been discovered in Curaçao. This case was to be expected, since it concerns the wife of the first case. All people that the couple has been in contact with recently, have been traced and will be monitored according to procedures.
- In total, 38 people have been monitored on Curaçao so far. Most of these have already passed the incubation period of the disease. It concerns mostly people from Brabant, but also people from other areas and origin who arrive on Curaçao are being tested.
- Amongst the group of tested people is a couple whose tests repeatedly give an inconclusive result. They remain in seclusion. Inconclusive means that the results are neither 100% positive, nor 100% negative.
- The flights from KLM, TUI and Condor that were scheduled to leave Europe for Curaçao this weekend, are currently empty and will leave with passengers from Curaçao for the Netherlands. Only the body of a deceased person is on board one of the flights.
- This decision means that this weekend, contrary to what was previously reported, residents of Curaçao, who are in possession of a valid return ticket, cannot yet return to Curaçao. This is because the registration systems of both KLM and TUI must be adapted to enable them to check the data of residents of Curaçao who want to return home. This is expected to be possible from Monday the 16th of March.
- For the time being, flights to Curaçao will only be possible for medical specialists, nurses and certain professionals.
- On Hato, all e-gates are closed meaning that anyone entering via the airport must pass the border control where all passengers coming in or leaving the island, will be subject to a questionnaire. This will create longer rows than usual, but safety is more important in this case.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – CORONA VIRUS #1

We urge everyone that feels sick with flu-like symptoms, for example cough, sore throat and fever, to please stay at home.

If you feel your situation is getting worse, please call your doctor. Do not visit the doctor's office.

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GOVERNMENT OF CURAÇAO



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – CORONA VIRUS #2

As of March 14th 2020, Curaçao has 2 confirmed cases.

The cases concern a couple that have been in isolation and are being treated and monitored closely.

There has been no widespread spread.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – CORONA VIRUS #3

There is no need to rush stores, supermarkets or pharmacies and buy items on a mass scale, as there has been NO widespread infection in Curaçao.

Please be mindful that we all have to live and share together.

Air travel from Europe to Curaçao has been suspended to limit travel of persons that might have been infected with the virus.

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