

## Press Releases

### Jamaica welcomes 140 medical pros from Cuban



Jamaica today welcomed 140 Cuban medical professionals to support the island's national response efforts for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The team, which will be in quarantine for 14 days before beginning work, is comprised of: Ninety (90) specialist nurses, including for critical care, emergency, medical, surgical and primary care;...

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### Business in Jamaica Continues within COVID-19 Parameters

Amidst false information circulating via social media, business in Jamaica continues, within the parameters outlined and there is no planned shutdown of the country. As previously announced, both the public and private sectors have been encouraged to examine their operations and decide which elements can be done from home. Businesses...

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## Health Ministry urges end to stigma around COVID-19

It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Health and Wellness that a number of Jamaicans have been the victims of physical violence or have otherwise been socially excluded on the suspicion that they may have the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Ministry understands the fear that many...

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## Passengers on JetBlue Flights urged to contact Health Ministry

The Ministry of Health & Wellness wishes to urgently make contact with all passengers, who travelled on the following flights: JetBlue Flight 659, which arrived at the Norman Manley International Airport on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 1:00 a.m. JetBlue Flight 2959 which arrived at the Norman Manley International Airport...

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## Jamaica records 16 cases of COVID-19

Jamaica now has sixteen (16) confirmed cases of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The latest case is a 57-year-old male with a travel history to New York. He arrived in the island on March 10 and visited his private physician on March 16. He reported having had symptoms for six...

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## Jamaica issues second (community) quarantine order

The Government of Jamaica has issued a second (community) quarantine order, this time for the Corn Piece settlement in Clarendon. The imposition of the order was announced by Prime Minister Andrew Holness in Parliament on Thursday, March 19. The announcement comes in the wake of the death of a 79-year-old...

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## Jamaica records first COVID-19 death

On Wednesday, March 18, Jamaica recorded its first death related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The deceased is a 79-year-old man from Clarendon with a travel history from New York. He presented to the Lionel Town Hospital on March 16 with fever, cough and shortness of breath. At that...

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## COVID-19 Update – March 18, 2020



NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES  
WORLDWIDE+

191,127



NUMBER OF DEATHS WORLDWIDE+

7,807



NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES IN CHINA+

81,116



NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES IN  
JAMAICA

15



NUMBER OF PERSONS IN ISOLATION IN  
JAMAICA

28



NUMBER OF TRAVELLERS WHO HAVE VISITED  
COUNTRIES OF INTEREST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

458



NUMBER OF PERSONS IN JAMAICA  
CURRENTLY QUARANTINED AT HOME

91\*



NUMBER OF PERSONS IN JAMAICA  
CURRENTLY QUARANTINED AT FACILITY

25

RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT  
THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL  
CORONA VIRUS INCLUDE



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\*This does not include persons in 7 & 8 Miles, Bull Bay which has an estimated population of 14,000.

+Source: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-2019) WHO Situation Report - 58. Date as reported by 18 March 2020

Here's a snapshot of Jamaica's situation as it relates to #COVID19 as well as the global data.

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COVID-19 Update – March 17, 2020





NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES  
WORLDWIDE+

**179,112**



NUMBER OF DEATHS WORLDWIDE+

**7,426**



NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES IN CHINA+

**81,116**



NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES IN  
JAMAICA

**13**



NUMBER OF PERSONS IN ISOLATION IN  
JAMAICA

**26**



NUMBER OF TRAVELLERS WHO HAVE VISITED  
COUNTRIES OF INTEREST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

**413**



NUMBER OF PERSONS IN JAMAICA  
CURRENTLY QUARANTINED AT HOME

**52\***



NUMBER OF PERSONS IN JAMAICA  
CURRENTLY QUARANTINED AT FACILITY

**27**

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## Hospitals taking only one visitor per patient

Hospital visits are now reduced to once per day and to one visitor per patient, as the Ministry of Health and Wellness pursues efforts to curtail the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Also, operations at Outpatient Clinics in public hospitals have been scaled back while some services at...

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## MINISTER'S PRESENTATIONS

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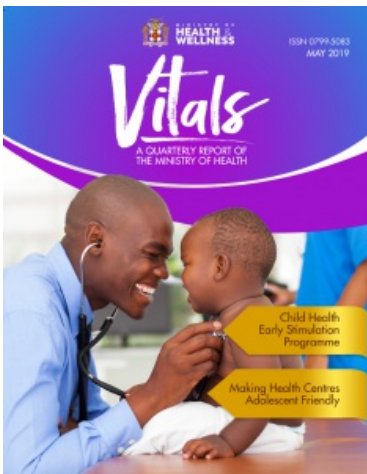
**National Statement: COVID-19 Delivered by Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton Minister of Health and Wellness**



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## PUBLICATIONS

### Vitals – A Quarterly Report of the Ministry of Health (May 2019)



### Vision for Health 2030 – Ten Year Strategic Plan 2019 – 2030



### Green Paper on National Health Insurance Plan for Jamaica



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Ministry of Health 9th Annual National Health Research Conference Call for Abstracts



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Zika – MOH Epidemiological Surveillance Plan – Final – Nov 16, 2015



### VIDEO FEATURE

### LOCATION OF HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CENTRES



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## PUBLIC EDUCATION RESOURCES

### Staying on Track

#### Pink Eye and You

**PINK EYE AND YOU**

Conjunctivitis other-wise known as "Pink Eye", is an infection of the eyes. It is caused mainly by a virus which enters the eyes by contaminated:

- o HANDS
- o WASH RAGS
- o COSMETICS
- o HANDKERCHIEFS
- o CONTACT LENS
- o OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS

**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS**

- Redness of the eyes
- Itchy or burning eyes
- Gritty feeling in eyes
- Sensitivity to light
- Watery eyes

**PREVENTION**

- Do not share make up, eye drops, wash rags etc.
- Avoid shaking hands with infected persons
- WASH HANDS OFTEN** after handling to persons with pink eye

**TREATMENT & CARE:**

- Pour boiled water that has been cooled on to clean tissue/cotton and wipe eyes of least 3 times for the day
- Throw tissue/cotton in garbage after each use
- Avoid rubbing eyes
- Do not attend school/work/other crowded places until infection clears

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