

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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March 21st, 2020

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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March 21st, 2020

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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March 20th, 2020

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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March 19th, 2020

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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March 19th, 2020

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
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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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 WORLDWIDE+

179,112


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7,426


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 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
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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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March 18th, 2020

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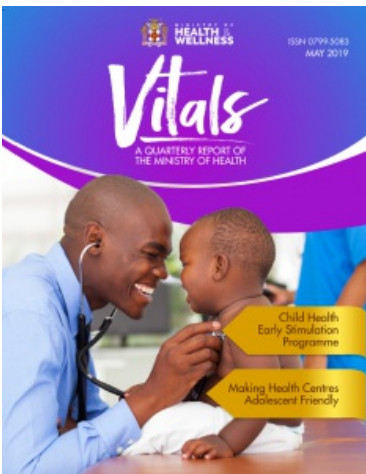
[National Statement: COVID-19 Delivered by Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton Minister of Health and Wellness](#)



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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



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PUBLIC EDUCATION RESOURCES

Staying on Track

Pink Eye and You

PINK EYE AND YOU

Ministry of Health

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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