



Press Releases

Community surveillance to continue in West Kingston tomorrow

SOME 70 samples were collected and sent to the National Public Health Laboratory for testing, as part of COVID-19 surveillance activities conducted in West Kingston today. The surveillance activities began on Wednesday, following the recent confirmation of five COVID-19 cases in the community. More than 100 team members, including medical...

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June 25th, 2020

Jamaica records six new COVID-19 cases, five more recoveries

Jamaica recorded six new COVID-19 cases and five additional recoveries in the last 24 hours. This brings to 684 the total number of confirmed positives and to 526 the number of recoveries. The new cases are comprised of two males and four females, with ages ranging from six to 35...

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June 25th, 2020

COVID-19 Update: Three More Recoveries...More New Cases Recorded Today

Three additional patients have recovered and have been released from care in the last 24 hours, bringing the total recoveries to 521. (76.8% recovery rate). In the meantime, Jamaica recorded eight new COVID-19 cases today, representing 1.3% of persons tested in the last 24 hours. This brings the total number...

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June 25th, 2020

Jamaica records 5 new COVID-19 cases, 2 more recoveries

Jamaica recorded five new COVID-19 cases and two more recoveries in the last 24 hours. The total number of confirmed cases is now at 670 while recoveries are up to 518 or 77.3%. The new cases consist of two (2) males and three (3) females, with ages ranging from 15...

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June 23rd, 2020

COVID-19 Update: 6 New Cases Recorded Today

Recoveries remain at 516 From the 844 new samples tested in the last 24 hours, the National Surveillance Unit in the Ministry of Health & Wellness has reported that six (6) samples have tested positive for COVID-19. This brings the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Jamaica to 665....

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June 22nd, 2020

Jamaicans urged to reduce dust exposure

In keeping with reports from The Meteorological Service of Jamaica, the Ministry of Health & Wellness wishes to caution members of the public to guard against the effects of the Saharan dust, which is expected to affect the island starting today through to Thursday. Excess exposure to the dust particles...

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June 22nd, 2020

COVID-19 Update: 2 New Imported Cases, 54 more Recoveries

Two Jamaican males, ages 39 and 40 are the latest confirmed COVID-19 cases in Jamaica. These two bring the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases to 659. The two new cases are imported, having arrived in the island recently from Dallas, Texas, USA. One is of a Clarendon address, while...

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June 21st, 2020

Jamaica exceeds 20,000 mark for COVID-19 testing

Records 5 new cases, 4 more recoveries Jamaica surpassed the 20,000 mark for COVID-19 testing in the last 24 hours, even as the island recorded five new confirmed cases and four additional recoveries. Testing numbers now stand at 20,160, with 657 confirmed positives and 19,443 negatives. Recoveries are up to...

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June 20th, 2020

Jamaica records 14 new COVID-19 cases

Jamaica has recorded 14 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 652. The new cases are comprised of 10 females and four (4) males, with ages ranging from 20 to 72 years. Six of the cases are non-residents – five with...

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June 19th, 2020

PAHO, USAID bolster Jamaica's COVID-19 Response



The Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) Jamaica country office, with the assistance of USAID, handed over essential items to support the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) in the ongoing COVID-19 response at a ceremony in Kingston today. PAHO, through USAID funding, procured items based on the priority needs outlined...

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[Pink Eye and You](#)



PINK EYE AND YOU

Conjunctivitis otherwise 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
- Grahy 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 lending to persons with pink eye.

TREATMENT & CARE:

- Place boiled water that has been cooled on to clean tissue/cotton over infected 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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Influenza A (H1N1)



Influenza A (H1N1)

Influenza A (H1N1) is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by a virus which is easily spread from person-to-person.

How is Influenza A (H1N1) spread?

- Breathing in the virus when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- Contact with objects that have been recently touched by an infected person e.g. door knob and telephone.

SYMPTOMS:

- Fever (but not always)
- Sore throat
- Itchy red eyes
- Headache
- Diarrhoea
- Cough
- Runny and stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Extreme tiredness
- Nausea and vomiting

PREVENTION:

- COVER COUGH & SNEEZE**
- CLEAN HANDS WITH SOAP & WATER**

CONTROL SPREAD OF GERMS

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with dirty hands.
- Avoid close contact with persons who have flu like symptoms e.g. hand shaking, hugging, kissing.

If you are sick:

- Stay home until you are well
- Drink lots of fluid
- Rest
- If you have SEVERE flu-like symptoms, contact your doctor immediately.

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