



Press Releases

More St. Thomas communities under quarantine

With the continued increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in St. Thomas, the decision has been taken to put additional communities within the parish under quarantine. The communities are Albion and Seaforth that have seen 13 cases over the last three weeks. Many of the cases are symptomatic, which...

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August 20th, 2020

Jamaica's COVID-19 cases up to 1,192

46 new cases, 2 more recoveries in the last 24 hours Jamaica has recorded 46 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, bringing to 1,192 the total number of confirmed positives. Also in the last 24 hours, recoveries moved to 772, as two additional persons were released from care....

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August 19th, 2020

Jamaica's COVID-19 cases now up to 1,146

17 new cases, 6 more recoveries in the last 24 hours Jamaica has recorded 17 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, bringing to 1,146 the total number of confirmed positives. Also in the last 24 hours, recoveries moved to 770, as six additional persons were released from care....

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August 18th, 2020

Extended quarantine for St. Thomas, Clarendon

With the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases and a growing number of persons displaying symptoms in St. Thomas and Clarendon, the decision has been taken to extend the quarantine period for the areas of those parishes currently under quarantine. The St. Thomas communities include Bamboo River, Church Corner...

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August 17th, 2020

18 KSA communities at high risk of COVID-19 transmission

The Ministry of Health and Wellness is monitoring more than 250 active COVID-19 cases across 12 parishes, among them 54 cases from Kingston & St. Andrew (KSA). The Three Miles, Constant Spring, Duhaney Park, and Half Way Tree developmental areas are the most affected from the KSA. The cases have...

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August 17th, 2020

COVID-19 Update: 16 New Cases Confirmed

In the last 24 hours 16 new samples have tested positive for COVID-19. This brings the total confirmed COVID-19 cases in Jamaica to 1,129. At the same time, recoveries remained at 764. (67.7% recovery rate). Of the newly confirmed cases, 11 are males and five are females, with ages ranging...

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August 17th, 2020

COVID-19 Update: Jamaica Records Seven New Cases

The number of COVID-19 cases on record for Jamaica increased by seven in the last 24 hours. The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 1,113. Additionally, three more patients have been numbered among the recovered and released, bringing total recoveries to 764 (68.6% recovery rate). Of the...

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August 16th, 2020

COVID-19 test a must for more visitors as list of high-risk countries grow

Non-residents visiting Jamaica from the United States, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico, which have all been designated as high risk locations, are now required to obtain a COVID-19 PCR test prior to arrival. This applies to all non-residents 12 years and older, including those who are business travellers, entering the island on or after...

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August 16th, 2020

Jamaica records 1,106 COVID-19 cases

24 new cases in the last 24 hours Jamaica recorded twenty-four (24) new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours. The total number of confirmed positives for the island now stand at 1,106. Sixteen (16) of the newly confirmed cases are males and eight (8) are females, with ages ranging...

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August 15th, 2020

COVID-19 Update: Community Surveillance yields 11 more Positives

Community surveillance continues in the quarantined communities in Clarendon and St. Thomas. As a result of the efforts of the Health Department, 11 new positives were identified today. These new cases bring Jamaica's total confirmed COVID-19 cases to 1,082. Today, also saw the recoveries increase by seven, bringing that total to...

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August 14th, 2020

MINISTER'S PRESENTATIONS

🕒 Thursday August 6, 2020

Statement of the Minister of Health & Wellness Virtual Press Conference Office of the Prime Minister, Jamaica House,



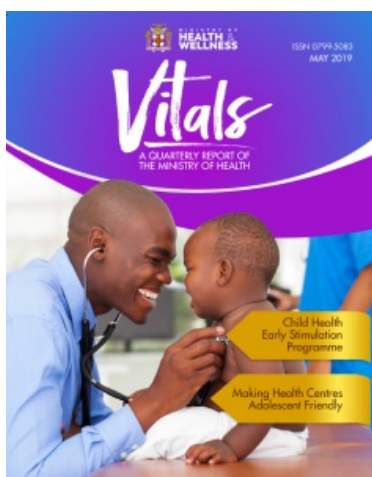
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Aedes Attack



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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BEVERAGE FOR SCHOOLS REGISTRATION

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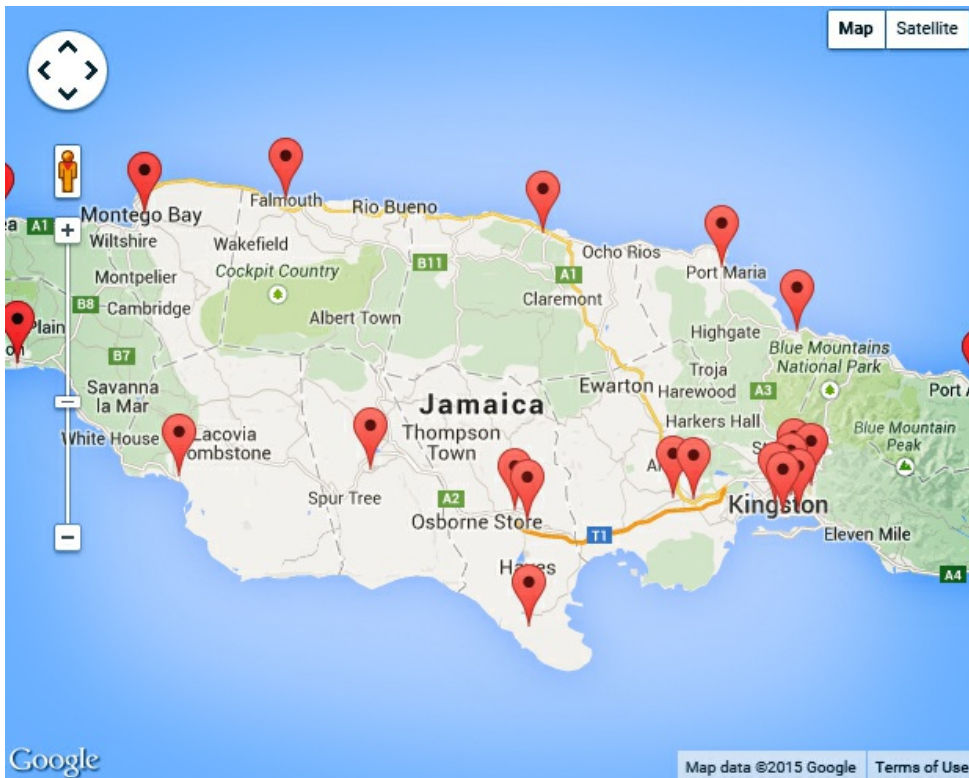
COVID-19 SELF REPORT

Complete a COVID-19 self assessment.



VIDEO FEATURE

LOCATION OF HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CENTRES



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PUBLIC EDUCATION RESOURCES

Influenza A (H1N1)

Ministry of Health

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
- Itching red eyes
- Headache
- Chills
- Rummy 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: 1-800-ONE LOVE | 800-463-3685 or 020-7914
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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
Grainy 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 coming 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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Ministry of Health's Strategic Business Plan (2015-2018)
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List of Vital Drugs and Medical Sundries for Public Health Institutions
Regional Health Authorities' Conformance Reports
Regional Health Authorities' Audit Reports
Public Sector Customer Service Satisfaction Assessment Report
COVID-19 Resources and Protocols
Protocol for the Nutritional Management of Non-communicable Diseases in Jamaica
MOHW Guidelines for the importation of Human Remains
Guide for the Promotion of Healthy Eating in Workplaces
Tool for Assessing the Nutrition Environment in Workplaces
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