



Press Releases

COVID-19 Update: 116 new cases identified in Jamaica

The Situation

- **1,529** Confirmed Cases
- **435** imported
- **236** related to a workplace cluster
- **125** local transmission *(not epidemiologically linked)*
- **280** under investigation
- **453** contacts of a confirmed case

Number of Confirmed Cases by Parish		
Parish	New	Total
St. Catherine	37	458
Kingston & St Andrew	51	402
St. Thomas	10	162
Portland	0	21
St. Mary	2	52
St. Ann	2	75
Trelawny	0	12
St. James	0	117
Hanover	1	10
Westmoreland	1	33
St. Elizabeth	1	22
Manchester	4	41
Clarendon	7	124
Total	116	1529

In the last 24 hours, 116 new COVID-19 cases have been identified in Jamaica. The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases for the island is now 1,529. Additionally, two more patients have recovered and have been released from care, bringing the total recoveries to 819. (54.2% recovery rate), Of the...

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August 23rd, 2020

Jamaica records 67 new COVID-19 cases, 29 more recoveries

Jamaica's confirmed COVID-19 cases are now up to 1,413, with the addition of 67 new positives in the last 24 hours. Also in the last 24 hours, 29 more persons have recovered and been discharged, bringing the total number of recoveries to 817 or 58%. Of the 67 newly confirmed...

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August 22nd, 2020

COVID-19 Update: One More Death, 56 New Cases

Regrettably in the last 24 hours, Jamaica saw another COVID-19-related death. The deceased is an imported case of a 69-year-old female from Manchester. The total death from COVID-19 is now at 16. At the same time, the country

recorded 56 new confirmed COVID-19 cases. These bring the total cases on...

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August 21st, 2020

COVID-19 Update: Health Ministry Building Temporarily Closed

In keeping with its own established protocol for infection prevention and control, the Ministry has decided to suspend operations for Friday, August 21, 2020 at its offices located on the RKA Building in New Kingston. This decision comes on the heels of an advisory that an employee assigned to that...

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August 21st, 2020

COVID-19 Update: Jamaica now has 1,290 Confirmed Cases

Regrettably in the last 24 hours, Jamaica recorded its 15th COVID-19 related death. The deceased is a 74-year-old male from Clarendon. At the same time, 98 samples have tested positive for COVID-19 and brings the total confirmed cases on record for the island to 1,290. Ten of the 98 samples...

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August 20th, 2020

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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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

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🕒 Thursday August 6, 2020

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



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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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