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Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update # 54

Port-of-Spain, March 28, 2020: As part of the national drive to safeguard the health of the Trinidad and Tobago population in the face of the global COVID-19 outbreak, the Ministry of Health continues to provide up-to-date information on the country's status in this regard.

As of the afternoon of **Saturday, 28th March, 2020** the Ministry reports the following:

Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) for testing for COVID-19	500
Number of samples which have tested positive	76
Number of deaths	3
Number of persons discharged	1

Of the total number of positive cases, 49 of these positive cases came from the group of nationals who recently returned from a cruise:

- 46 positive cases from the group of 68 nationals who returned from the cruise together
- 3 positive cases from the group of nationals who returned from the same cruise separately from the other 68 nationals.

The Ministry of Health reminds the public to cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue to prevent the spread of germs from person to person. When finished, please throw all used tissues in the trash and wash your hands immediately after. You can also cough or sneeze into your elbow. This helps prevent respiratory droplets from spreading to those in close contact with you.



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The public is also strongly advised to take the following personal hygiene measures to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19:

- Wash your hands properly with soap and water
 - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if water and soap are not available
- Avoid touching your face
- Sanitize hard surfaces (e.g. table tops, handrails, doorknobs and trolleys) as often as possible.
- Avoid close contact with people who have flu-like symptoms
- Practice social distancing
 - Maintain at least 2 metres (6 feet) distance between yourself and others, especially anyone who is coughing or showing signs of illness
- Stay home if you are ill

It is also advised that all public transportation vehicles should operate with windows open and limit their occupancy.

The Ministry will continue to provide accurate information to the public in a timely fashion. The public is therefore urged to disregard and avoid sharing all unconfirmed, misleading and/or false information about COVID-19 (formerly Novel Coronavirus).

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