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Ministry of Health

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M E D I A R E L E A S E

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Additional Imported Case of COVID-19 in Trinidad and Tobago

Port of Spain, 30 May, 2020: The Ministry of Health advises the population of a new confirmed case (imported) of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Trinidad and Tobago. As is standard protocol, the national has been in state quarantine since their arrival in Trinidad and Tobago. This proactive measure has significantly reduced the potential for local spread of the virus.

This brings the total number of active COVID-19 cases in Trinidad and Tobago to 1.

Close contacts of the positive patient are also under state quarantine and have been tested in accordance with the relevant protocols. These close contacts are being closely supervised by public health officers.

As of the **night of Saturday, 30th May, 2020** the Ministry reports the following:

Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and the UWI site for testing for COVID-19	3149
Number of samples which have tested positive	117
Number of deaths	8
Number of persons discharged	108

The Ministry of Health provides the following update:

- One additional person has tested positive for COVID-19. This person has a history of recent travel.



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Members of the public are reminded that they must to adhere to the 'New Normal' recommendations and take the following personal health measures to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when you go out in public
- Keep your distance from others (6 feet)
- Stay home if you are ill
- Clean then sanitize surfaces (e.g. tabletops, door knobs and cell phones)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cough into a tissue or into the crook of your elbow
- Avoid touching your face

If you or a loved one develops symptoms of COVID-19, please call the hotline 877-WELL or 800-WELL (9355) for further guidance. If the person is severely ill, call the 811 (emergency hotline) or call ahead to the Accident and Emergency Department of your nearest hospital for help and go in immediately.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago will continue to update the public via its official communication channels such as the Ministry of Health's website (health.gov.tt), the Ministry of Communications Websites (moc.gov.tt and news.gov.tt) and the relevant social media pages of these entities (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

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