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Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update # 368

Port-of-Spain, July 31st 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.

The Ministry of Health reminds the population to source your information only from official sources, such as the Ministry of Health or Ministry of Communications.

The Ministry of Health provides the following clinical update as of the **morning of Friday 31st July, 2020:**

Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and UWI site for testing for COVID-19	7716
Number of unique patient tests completed	6145
Number of repeated tests	1571
Number of samples which have tested positive	169
Number of deaths	8
Number of persons discharged	132

The Ministry of Health provides the following update:

- Five (5) additional persons have tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Three (3) are primary contacts of a recently positive COVID-19 patient.
 - Two (2) are pending epidemiological investigation.



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All established protocols have been implemented.

- Two persons have been discharged from the Caura Hospital.

COVID-19 Positive Patients in Hospital – (24). Five (5) new patients are en route to hospital.

Caura Hospital	23
Couva Hospital and Multi-Training Facility	1

COVID-19 Positive Patients in Step-down / Transition Facilities – (0)

Intensive Care Units (ICUs) are hospital wards that provide treatment for people who are very ill. They are staffed with health care professionals who are trained in ICU treatment and the use of sophisticated monitoring equipment.

High Dependency Units (HDUs) are wards for people who need more observation, treatment and nursing care than is possible in a general ward but slightly less than that given in an Intensive Care Unit.

An Ambulatory Patient is able to walk about and is not bedridden.

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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