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Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update # 421

Port-of-Spain, August 26, 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 population is reminded to source your information only from official sources, such as the Ministry of Health.

As of the **afternoon** of **Wednesday, 26th August, 2020** the Ministry reports the following:

Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), the UWI and other local sites for testing for COVID-19	22,255
Number of samples which have tested positive at public and private facilities in Trinidad and Tobago	1,411
Total number of active cases	1,204
Number of deaths	15
Number of persons discharged	192

The twenty-seven (27) positive cases reported below show results from samples taken during the period August 18th to August 25th, 2020. Therefore, this figure is NOT representative of the positive cases over the last 24 hours only.

The Ministry of Health provides the following update:

- Twenty-seven (27) additional persons have tested positive for COVID -19.

    All established protocols have been implemented.

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Members of the public are reminded that they must 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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