

Bulletin #7 – 2020 March 19

JAMAICA CONTINUES TO ADJUST TO COVID-19

Dear Valued Partners,

As an update, Jamaica has recorded confirmed 15 cases of COVID-19, and one death. The 79-year-old male returned to Jamaica recently, and suffered from underlying conditions.

In addition to the measures detailed in previous bulletins, Jamaica continues to strengthen the preventative and proactive measures to keep our residents and visitors safe.

- Jamaica's Prime Minister, the Most Hon Andrew Holness, has activated the Disaster Risk Management Act, which in effect means COVID-19 has been declared a national emergency. The new measures announced follow:
- All travelers from countries where there is local transmission of COVID-19 will be required to self-quarantine for up to 14 days.
 - This information has been shared with the airlines.
 - Persons staying in hotels will be required to observe the quarantine rules as determined by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. These guidelines have been posted to <u>www.itbonline.org</u>.
 - Persons will be able to leave the island at their scheduled departure date even if this is before the 14-day period of quarantine, if they do not become ill and do not fit the case definition.
 - If they develop symptoms, they will be isolated.
- Effective Wednesday March 18, bars, night clubs, and places of entertainment are to be closed, and public gatherings are limited to no more than 20 persons.
- All new measures, including the procedure for self-quarantine, will be reviewed on Monday March 23.
- You are invited to view the full list of destination protocols at <u>www.jtbonline.org</u>

Jamaica is focused on prevention management. Together, we will overcome this global public health threat.

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