

JAMAICA UPDATE ON COVID-19

Dear Valued Partners,

In his recent update to the nation, Jamaica's Prime Minister, the Most Hon Andrew Holness, has signaled the easing of restrictions. In a press briefing on Monday May 18, the Prime Minister gave the following updates:

The current work-from-home orders will expire at the end of May. Effective June 1, most persons will be allowed to return to work. Persons 65 years and older, or those with comorbidities will be required to continue working from home. The wearing of masks, physical distancing and all other protocols will remain in effect.

Controlled re-entry of Jamaicans continues. Today, May 19, a cruise ship will dock at the Falmouth port with a large group of Jamaican cruise staff. These persons will disembark on a phased basis at 2 – 3-day intervals. This will allow time for test results to be received.

- To date, Jamaica has recorded 520 confirmed cases of Covid-19. Of that number, there have been 9 deaths and 131 full recoveries. Jamaica is approaching a 15-day doubling curve.
- Bars are allowed to re-open with restrictions on hours and on the number of persons allowed at any one time.
- Churches are allowed to host services with restrictions on numbers, and with protocols in place. These protocols include temperature checks.
- Nightly curfews will continue, beginning at 8 p.m. and continuing to 5 a.m.
- There will be strict adherence to the established protocols including the wearing of masks in public spaces, proper hand hygiene and physical distancing.
- You are invited to view the full list of destination protocols at www.itbonline.org

Jamaica is now focused on managing the easing of restrictions in such a way that our resources and support systems are able to cope.

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