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*Attention: All News Editors*

### **COVID-19 Update: Jamaica Records Five New Cases**

**KINGSTON, Jamaica. Thursday, July 23, 2020:** The number of COVID-19 cases on record for Jamaica increased by five in the last 24 hours. The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 821. Additionally, one more patient has been numbered among the recovered and released, bringing total recoveries to 711 (86.6% recovery rate).

Four of the newly confirmed cases are classified as imported and the fifth is under investigation. The cases consist of two females and three males, aged 25 to 63 years. Three are non-Jamaicans staying in St. James (2) and St. Ann (1), while two are Jamaicans living in St. Mary (1) and St. Elizabeth (1).

There are now 64 (7.8%) active cases under observation in Jamaica, while 36 cases have been repatriated to their countries of origin. There are two moderately ill patients, but none who are critically ill at this time.

Some 17,869 persons of interest are quarantined at home, while four remain in quarantine at government facilities.

Jamaica now has 288 imported cases; 247 cases that are contacts of confirmed cases; 44 local transmission cases not epidemiologically linked; 236 related to the workplace cluster in St. Catherine and six are under investigation.

Some 463 (56%) of all confirmed cases are females and 358 (44%) are males. The ages of all confirmed cases range from 2 months to 87 years.

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**Clinical Management Summary**  
**as at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020**

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| <b>Total Samples Tested</b>  | <b>33,762</b> |
| <b>New Samples tested in the last 24 hours</b>                                     | <b>592</b>    |
| <b>Discharge samples tested in the last 24 hours</b>                               | <b>53</b>     |
| <b>Results Positive</b>  | <b>821</b>    |
| <b>Results Negative</b>  | <b>32,875</b> |
| <b>Results Pending</b>   | <b>66</b>     |
| <b>Deceased</b>  | <b>10</b>     |
| <b>Recovered</b>   | <b>711</b>    |
| <b>Persons Repatriated</b>   | <b>36</b>     |
| <b>Number in Facility Quarantine</b>   | <b>4</b>      |
| <b>Number in Home Quarantine</b>   | <b>17,869</b> |
| <b>Number Hospitalised</b><br><i>(Including suspected positive COVID-19 cases)</i> | <b>26</b>     |
| <b>Persons in Facility Isolation</b>   | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Persons in Home Isolation</b>   | <b>58</b>     |
| <b>Persons in Step Down Facilities (Isolation)</b>                                 | <b>1</b>      |
| <b>Persons Moderately Ill</b>  | <b>2</b>      |
| <b>Persons Critically Ill</b>  | <b>0</b>      |

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