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### M E D I A R E L E A S E

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#### Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update # 133

**Port-of-Spain, April 24, 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 provides the following clinical update as of the **morning of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020:**

<b>Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) for testing for COVID-19</b>	<b>1473</b>
<b>Number of unique patient tests completed</b>	<b>1226</b>
<b>Number of repeated tests</b>	<b>247</b>
<b>Number of samples which have tested positive</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Number of deaths</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Number of persons discharged</b>	<b>48</b>

The Ministry of Health provides the following update:

- Eleven additional persons have been decanted from the Couva Hospital and Multi-training Facility to the Home of Football, Couva.
- No patient is currently in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).
- No patient is currently in the High Dependency Unit (HDU).



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## COVID-19 Patients in Hospitals

<b>Total number of hospitalized patients – 10</b>
<b>Caura Hospital – 0</b>
<b>Couva Hospital and Multi-training facility – 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of patients in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) – 0</li><li>• Number of patients in High Dependency Unit (HDU) – 0</li><li>• Number of Ambulatory patients – 10</li></ul>

## COVID-19 Patients in Step-down/ Transition Facilities

<b>Sangre Grande Centre (Brooklyn Facility) - 11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All are low risk, stable patients.</li></ul>
<b>Home of Football, Couva – 38</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All are low risk, stable patients</li></ul>

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.

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