



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

## Ministry of Health

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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 # 340

**Port-of-Spain, July 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020:**

<b>Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and UWI site for testing for COVID-19</b>	<b>5983</b>
<b>Number of unique patient tests completed</b>	<b>4524</b>
<b>Number of repeated tests</b>	<b>1459</b>
<b>Number of samples which have tested positive</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Number of deaths</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Number of persons discharged</b>	<b>124</b>

The Ministry of Health provides the following update:

- Three (3) additional returning nationals have tested positive for COVID-19. The three are from a group of nationals who recently returned from Grenada. All cases are imported. All established protocols are being implemented.

**COVID-19 Positive Patients in Hospital – (4) – Caura Hospital**

**COVID-19 Positive Patients in Step-down / Transition Facilities – (0)**



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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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