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Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update # 424

Port-of-Spain, August 28th 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 population is reminded to source your information only from official sources, such as the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry of Health provides the following clinical update as of the **morning of Friday 28th August, 2020:**

Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), the UWI and other local sites for testing for COVID-19.	22,792
Number of unique patient tests completed	19,870
Number of repeated tests	2,922
Number of samples which have tested positive at public and private facilities in Trinidad and Tobago	1,512
Total number of active cases	867
Number of deaths	17
Number of persons discharged	628

The thirty-six (36) positive cases reported below show results from samples taken during the period August 20th to August 27th, 2020. Therefore, this figure is NOT representative of the positive cases over the last 24 hours only.



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The Ministry of Health provides the following update:

The Ministry of Health regrets to inform the public that there are two additional COVID-19 related deaths. The persons are both elderly males with co-morbidities. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to 17.

- Thirty -six (36) additional persons have tested positive for COVID -19.

A cluster of nine (9) non-nationals is included in this group. The remaining 27 persons are nationals. All established protocols have been implemented.

- Thirty-four (34) persons have been discharged.

COVID-19 Positive Patients in Hospital – (99)

Six Hundred and seventy- five (675) patients have been home quarantined under the continuous monitoring of the respective County Medical Officer Health (CMOH) offices. Forty- seven (47) patients are en-route/ being admitted to hospital. Thirty-six (36) new patients will be processed for admission.

Couva Hospital and Multi-Training Facility	85 5 (ICU) 10 (HDU)
Caura Hospital	14

COVID-19 Positive Patients in Step-down / Transition Facilities – (10)

Brooklyn Facility, Sangre Grande	0
Balandra	2
Tacarigua	2
UWI, Debe	3
UWI, Canada hall	0
UWI, Freedom hall	0
NAPA	3

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.

If you or a loved one develops symptoms of COVID-19, please call the hotline 877-WELL or 800-WELL (9355) for further guidance. If the person is severely ill, call the 811 (emergency hotline) or call ahead to the Accident and Emergency Department of your nearest hospital for help and go in immediately.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago will continue to update the public via its official communication channels such as the Ministry of Health's website (health.gov.tt), the Ministry of Communications Websites (moc.gov.tt and news.gov.tt) and the relevant social media pages of these entities (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

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