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Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update # 464

Port-of-Spain, September 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 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 Thursday September 17, 2020:**

Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), the UWI and other local sites for testing for COVID-19.	28,105
Number of unique patient tests completed	25,042
Number of repeated tests	3,063
Number of samples which have tested positive at public and private facilities in Trinidad and Tobago	3,336
Total number of active cases	1,809
Number of deaths	58
Number of persons discharged from public health facilities	814
Number of recovered community cases	655



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The Ministry of Health provides the following update:

- Nine (9) additional persons have tested positive for COVID -19.

The nine (9) positive cases reported shows results from samples taken during the period September 4th to September 15th, 2020. Therefore, this figure is NOT representative of the positive cases over the last 24 hours only.

- Four (4) persons have been discharged from public health facilities
- There have been six hundred and fifty-five (655) **recovered community cases**.
Recovered community cases refer to persons who were previously COVID-19 positive and in self-isolation at home and subsequently met the discharge criteria and were released from self-isolation.

One thousand five hundred and ninety (1,590) patients are currently home isolated under the continuous monitoring of the respective County Medical Officer Health (CMOH) offices.

The nine (9) new patients will be processed for admission at the discretion of the CMOHs.

COVID-19 Positive Patients in Hospital – (79)

Couva Hospital and Multi-Training Facility	52 3 (ICU) 3 (HDU)
Caura Hospital	22
Arima General Hospital	5

COVID-19 Positive Patients in Step-down / Transition Facilities – 131

Brooklyn Facility, Sangre Grande	0
Balandra	0
Tacarigua	0
UWI, Debe	7
UWI, Canada hall	52
UWI, Freedom hall	72
NAPA	0

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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