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Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update # 450

Port-of-Spain, September 10th, 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 10th September, 2020:**

Number of samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), the UWI and other local sites for testing for COVID-19.	25,995
Number of unique patient tests completed	22,952
Number of repeated tests	3,043
Number of samples which have tested positive at public and private facilities in Trinidad and Tobago	2,663
Total number of active cases	1,868
Number of deaths	40
Number of persons discharged	755

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The Ministry of Health provides the following update:

The Ministry of Health regrets to inform the public that there is an additional COVID-19 related death. The person is an elderly male with co-morbidities. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to 40.

- Seventy-five (75) additional persons have tested positive for COVID -19.

  It should be noted that, of the seventy-five (75) COVID-19 positive cases reported, thirteen (13) of these refer to persons who were housed at the Police Training Academy and have not been in circulation within the national community. These individuals will be transferred to a public health facility for relevant medical care. All established protocols have been implemented.

  - Three (3) of the positive cases reported are from Tobago

  The seventy-five (75) positive cases reported above show results from samples taken during the period August 29th to September 9th, 2020. Therefore, this figure is NOT representative of the positive cases over the last 24 hours only.

- Six (6) persons have been discharged.

COVID-19 Positive Patients in Hospital – (106)

One thousand five hundred and seventy (1,570) patients have been home isolated under the continuous monitoring of the respective County Medical Officer Health (CMOH) offices. Seventy - five (75) new patients will be processed for admission at the discretion of the CMOHs.

Couva Hospital and Multi-Training Facility	**76** 5 (ICU) 9 (HDU)
Caura Hospital	**30**

COVID-19 Positive Patients in Step-down / Transition Facilities – (117)

Brooklyn Facility, Sangre Grande	**0**
Balandra	**0**
Tacarigua	**0**
UWI, Debe	**5**
UWI, Canada hall	**44**
UWI, Freedom hall	**68**
NAPA	**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.

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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