



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of Health

Trinidad and Tobago COVID-19 (formerly novel coronavirus)

Health Travel Advisory

February 2020

The Ministry of Health, Trinidad and Tobago advises that, given the rapid global spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), travel restrictions have been imposed, with immediate effect, on travellers from China, Iran, Italy, Japan, Singapore, or The Republic of Korea (South Korea).

Landing in Trinidad and Tobago

Non-Trinidad and Tobago Citizens or Permanent Residents

All persons who:

- are not citizens or permanent residents of Trinidad and Tobago and
- have visited China, Iran, Italy, Japan, Singapore or The Republic of Korea (South Korea) within a fourteen (14) day time period of their arrival in Trinidad and Tobago

will not be allowed entry at any of Trinidad and Tobago's ports of entry.

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Persons who are quarantined at home will be placed under the supervision of medical professionals and security personnel.

The Ministry of Health advises strongly against all non-essential travel, especially to the aforementioned affected areas.

The Ministry of Health will continue to assess the situation and advise the population of any adjustments to this Health Travel Advisory as required.





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

February 26, 2020

Government Remains Vigilant Re: COVID-19 (previously Novel Coronavirus)

Port-of-Spain, February 26, 2020: The Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh, Minister of Health and The Honourable Stuart R. Young, Minister of National Security and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister met with health officials today to discuss the ongoing national response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Also present at the meeting were: Dr Erica Wheeler- PAHO/WHO Country Representative for Trinidad and Tobago and The Dutch Kingdom Islands, Major General (Retired) Rodney Smart-Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management and Dr Lisa Indar and Dr Gabriel Gonzalez-Escobar from the Caribbean Public Health Agency. This is all a part of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's collaborative and proactive approach to addressing this global outbreak.

The core objective of the meeting was to evaluate the current risks faced by Trinidad and Tobago and to determine the next steps required. Topics that were discussed included:

- Global developments as it relates to COVID-19
- Border Protection Strategies
- In Country Response Capacity (e.g. Testing of Samples, Patient Isolation Protocols/ Areas)

Minister Deyalsingh emphasised the 'rapid and robust response' that would be required to ensure the continued protection of the population and Minister Young re-committed the resources of the Ministry of National Security to the national response.

While there have been no confirmed local cases of COVID-19 and samples tested from all domestic suspected cases have received a negative result, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago continues to maintain its state of extreme vigilance.



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The Ministry of Health reminds members of the public to take the following steps to avoid contracting the COVID-19 virus:

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze;
- Cough and sneeze into the crook of your elbow if you do not have a tissue;
- Avoid close contact with people who have flu-like symptoms;
- Thoroughly cook meat and eggs before consumption.

The Ministry of Health assures the public that all steps are being taken at the national level to safeguard the health of the Trinidad and Tobago population.

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Participants at today's meeting on strategies for the continued protection of the Trinidad and Tobago population against COVID-19