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Dear Team,

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Locally, the Ministry of Health & Wellness has confirmed that there are imported cases of the coronavirus COVID-19 in the island.

The patients have been in isolation after showing respiratory symptoms. According to the patients' travel history, they returned to Jamaica from the United Kingdom, recently.

The confirmation of the cases mean that there are now four Caribbean countries with the virus. The others are Dominican Republic, St Martin, and St Barts. Altogether there are over 120,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 114 countries worldwide.

The Health & Wellness Ministry is urging the public to adhere to infection prevention and control measures, notably to:

- Maintain a distance of at least one metre from persons who are coughing or sneezing
- Frequently perform hand hygiene by washing hands thoroughly with soap and water or using a hand sanitizer if hands are not visibly soiled
- Cover our mouths and noses with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and then discarding it
- Resist the urge to touch our faces

As a Company, we have activated our Business Continuity Plan, and will provide you with more details of the Plan in the next few days.

We have attached the remarks of Health and Wellness Minister, Hon. Chris Tufton, from the press conference where he advised the nation of the first confirmed case. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates as needed.

**Eric**