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## Ministry of Health

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### M E D I A   R E L E A S E

12 June, 2021

#### **Statement from the Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh, Minister of Health on the Opening of Hardware Stores, Book Stores and Art Supply Stores**

**Port of Spain, 12 June, 2021:** Hardware Stores, Bookstores and Art Supply Stores, will be allowed to operate on a temporary basis.

Pursuant to Regulation 3(10)(ao) of the Emergency Powers (No. 2) Regulations, 2021, **with effect from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the Minister of Health hereby authorises Hardware Stores, Bookstores and Art Supply Stores ONLY to operate, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, on the following days and times:**

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|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>Hardware Stores</b>   | - | <b>Monday and Wednesday</b>  | - | <b>8am to 4pm</b>  |
|                          | - | <b>Friday</b>                | - | <b>8am to 2pm</b>  |
|                          | - | <b>Saturday</b>              | - | <b>8am to 12pm</b> |
| <b>Bookstores</b>        | - | <b>Monday through Friday</b> | - | <b>8am to 4pm</b>  |
| <b>Art Supply Stores</b> | - | <b>Monday through Friday</b> | - | <b>8am to 4pm</b>  |

Members of the public and operators of the abovementioned stores are advised to comply strictly with the other legal requirements of the Emergency Powers (No. 2) Regulations, 2021, the public health guidelines and legal requirements of the Public Health [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 16) Regulations, 2021.

Additionally, shoppers are also asked to limit the time spent in the abovementioned stores by restricting their purchases to those essential items that are required.

The Ministry of Health will continue to monitor this development and take steps to safeguard the health of the population.

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