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Discontinuation of COVID-19 Updates

Port-of-Spain, May 12, 2023: The Ministry of Health notes that COVID-19 continues to circulate at a very low level in Trinidad and Tobago at this time. In keeping with the downward trend, the epidemiological and hospitalisation data for the period April 29, 2023 to May 12, 2023 is as follows:

- The rolling average of new cases is 10,
- One COVID-19 related death, and
- A 6.7 percent positivity rate was recorded (i.e., of every patient tested for COVID-19 at both public and private facilities, 6.7 out of every 100, was positive).

Coupled with this epidemiological data, hospitalisations for this period have also remained at a very low level, with an average of 19 patients in hospitals across the parallel and hybrid healthcare systems. Also of note, there were no patients within the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) or High Dependency Unit (HDU) during the aforementioned period.

The Ministry notes that this data is indeed encouraging especially within an environment where there are very few public health restrictions in place at this time. In view of the foregoing, the Ministry of Health advises that it will be discontinuing its COVID-19 press releases in its current format. The Ministry issued 1,250 such releases since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ministry reminds the public, particularly the vulnerable (those with chronic diseases, the elderly, pregnant patients and the unvaccinated), that they should continue to maintain the principles and practice of good hygiene as these measures will assist in the maintenance of our low levels of transmission of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.



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The Ministry of Health will continue to keep the public updated on this and any other health related matter, as it becomes necessary.

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