

AIRPORTS AUTHORITY INTENSIFIES PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES AND STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago ("the Authority") continues to be vigilant and attentive to the international situation and is taking every precautionary measure to work with all stakeholders to reduce the risks of the spread of COVID-19.

The Authority continues to take measures to safeguard our employees. From the inception, the Authority has taken precautions according to aviation best practice and has undertaken our duty of care to protect our employees, stakeholders and travellers. We have procured the highest quality and most effective N95 respirators and are distributing same to Security Officers in accordance with the guidance of the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health has been assisting us with training sessions on the use of the PPEs.

Further to this, we wish to confirm that we have sufficient cleaning agents and they are being distributed and are being used appropriately. We have also intensified the deep sanitisation of the Airports in accordance with the advice of the Ministry of Health.

From the onset, the Authority has had sensitisation sessions with members of staff including the Security Department as part of our duty of care and general concern for our employees.

As an example of the Authority's responsiveness, following receipt of information on Thursday March 12th 2020, from Caribbean Airlines, that one of their passengers who transited through the Piarco International Airport en route to Guyana, tested positive for COVID-19, the Authority has initiated protocols as directed by the Ministry of Health. The three (3) Security Officers, who conducted the screening of the in-transit passengers, on that Caribbean Airlines flight, have been sent on a period of self-quarantine for 14 days. During this period, they will be assessed and monitored by public health officials in keeping with the Ministry of Health's protocols.

The Authority will continue to take action to ensure that our employees are protected and are sensitised on the necessary protective measures. We will continue to communicate with all of our stakeholders as the situation evolves. The safety and security of all stakeholders, passengers, airport workers and employees of the Authority remain our top priority.

