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PROACTIVE MEASURES IN PLACE AT AIRPORTS TO PROTECT AGAINST SPREAD OF NOVEL CORONA VIRUS

Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Authority”), continues to be vigilant and persistent in its approach to implementing a number of preventative and proactive measures to protect our nation’s citizens, travellers and employees from the novel corona virus (COVID-19).

The Authority, being responsible for the first points of entry into the country, continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health (MoH) to institute precautionary measures at the airports to prevent the entry and spread of the COVID-19.

Further to the travel restrictions that have been put in place for passengers arriving from some countries by the Government, the following measures have been instituted at our international airports:

- All arriving international passengers are screened with thermal scanners immediately upon disembarkation at the Jet bridges and in the Immigration Halls to identify and flag high body temperatures;
- Quarantine Stations have been established at the airport to isolate and interview passengers who may show symptoms of the COVID-19. Suspected cases are to be transported to off-site facilities as guided by Port Health officials and the Ministry of Health;
- The Authority has participated in an Infectious Disease Table top Simulation Exercise and other scenario planning exercises which have been led by the Ministry of Health to enhance our readiness to respond;
- The Authority has increased its stock of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for its members of staff and has distributed hand sanitisers to all Departments of the Authority;

- Ten (10) additional automated hand sanitisers have been affixed to the walls at strategic locations throughout the north terminal building, Piarco International Airport;
- Literature on COVID-19 preventative measures have been distributed to employees of the Authority, together with information on international airport best practice methods to respond to communicable diseases;
- Sensitization sessions have been conducted for airport employees and other airport stakeholders. These were facilitated by the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Division of Health of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA);
- There have been placement of information on all Flight information Display screens and other digital screens at the airports to educate airport users about preventative measures for the COVID-19;
- Banners have been installed at various locations at the airports to educate airport users about the COVID-19; and
- Measures that travellers should take in light of COVID-19 have been posted on all corporate social media platforms.

The management of the Authority has been updated on the latest news and information in relation to COVID-19 from the MoH, as well as information from the World Health Organization (WHO) through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Airports Council International (ACI) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). The Authority has received best practice guidance for airports on ways to reduce the risks associated with the spread of COVID-19 across international INCR borders.

Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago continues to be attentive to the international situation and diligent in taking every precautionary measure and making every effort to work with all stakeholders to reduce the risks of the spread of the COVID-19. The safety and security of all stakeholders, passengers, airport workers and employees of the Authority are top priority.