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TOUGH TIMES AHEAD

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Popeshead Street, the street that never sleeps, was thread bare as the state-imposed curfew was being strictly enforced.

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Curfew in full effect

The Living Word

Water into Hope

Read: John 4:4–14

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. John 7:37

Tom and Mark's ministry refreshes lives. This is clear in the video they share of a group of fully clad children laughing and dancing in the refreshing water of an open shower—their first ever. The men work with indigenous churches to install water filtration systems on wells in Haiti, easing and lengthening lives as diseases connected to contaminated water are prevented. Access to clean, fresh water gives the people hope for their future.

Jesus referred to "living water" in John 4 to capture a similar idea of a continual source of refreshment. Tired and thirsty, Jesus had asked a Samaritan woman for a drink (vv. 4–8). This request led to a conversation in which Jesus offered the woman "living water" (vv. 9–15)—water that would become a source of life and hope within them, like "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (v. 14).

We discover what this living water is later in John, when Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink," declaring that whoever believed in Him would have "rivers of living water [flowing] from within them." John explains, "By this he meant the Spirit" (7:37–39).

Through the Spirit, believers are united to Christ and have access to the boundless power, hope, and joy found in God. Like living water, the Spirit lives inside believers, refreshing and renewing us.

How has Jesus satisfied your thirst through His Spirit? How will you share what Jesus has done for you?

Dear God, thank You for leaving us Your Spirit. Work in us so that our lives point others to You.

Government 'Takes Over' Hawksbill Hotel

The government plans to enter into an arrangement with the owners of Hawksbill Hotel where it has established a quarantine centre.

The announcement is contained in the post-Cabinet notes circulated by the government's Chief of Staff following another virtual meeting held on Sunday.

It said the Cabinet has instructed the Ministry of Health to enter into an arrangement with the Hawksbill Hotel to utilize all 106 rooms at the hotel which were unoccupied anyway.

It noted that the Cabinet agreed to meet certain basic costs of operation—such as food, water, electricity, staff costs including cleaning—but would seek to have the

cost of the rooms contributed by the hotel as a means of showing national consciousness and charity, during these trying times.

The Government's monthly revenue is expected to decline precipitously as the tourism plants are shuttered, the cruise ships and the airliners are no longer coming, and the economy has slowed significantly because of the Covid-19 crisis globally.

Meanwhile, history will be made again tomorrow when the House of Representatives convenes its first virtual session. Cabinet has asked both the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Clerk of Parliament make all the arrange-

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DAY 3/30

Max UV Index: 11 Extreme
 Wind: NE at 18 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 26 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 40%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%
 Precipitation: 0.2 mm
 Rain: 0.2 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 0.5
 Hours of Rain: 0.5

28° Hi



A morning shower in spots; otherwise, mostly sunny

NIGHT 3/30

Wind: NE at 13 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 22 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 55%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%
 Precipitation: 1.2 mm
 Rain: 1.2 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 1
 Hours of Rain: 1

23° Lo



Mainly clear with a passing shower

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
 6:03AM



Sunset AST
 6:20PM

Duration
 12:17hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
 10:17 PM



Moonset AST
 11:42AM

Duration
 13:25hr

Prime Minister Calls Out 'Irresponsible' Behaviour

Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, is expressing disappointment with violations to the restrictions on public gatherings being perpetrated by some religious groups and others in the society.

Browne was commenting on a video that is making the rounds which shows police officers having to forcibly end a morning worship service at a church in Bolans Sunday morning.

"We are very disappointed with the response thus far by certain irresponsible residents, who are violating our social distancing policy, to include limiting gatherings to 25. Also, we note the suicidal responses of some individuals of faith and their blatant disrespect for the laws of our country," the prime minister stated in comments posted on his Facebook page.

Recognising that the nation currently faces a severe challenge, Browne said the government is now giving serious consideration to re-

ducing social gatherings to ten (10) persons and to 'take more draconian actions' which will further curtail personal freedom.

The country's leader said this is a clarion call for personal responsibility by all to contain COVID-19 outbreak which has already affected at least six persons in the country with the possibility that much more will be affected before the crisis is over.

"Our collective efforts are required, to contain COVID-19 and protect the health of our nation, irrespective of our faith, ethnicity, nationality, or social standing," he urged.

Browne then called all residents of Antigua and Barbuda to please respect the health protocols and the laws of the country.

Meanwhile, Ecclesiastic Affairs Commissioner, William Dorsett, has written to churches and other religious bodies informing them of the new restrictions



Prime Minister
Gaston Browne

imposed by the government under the State of Emergency. "I write to inform you of developments as our nation responds to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Cabinet determined that circumstances in Antigua have sufficiently changed with the onset of the COVID-19 crisis and it has declared a State of Emergency which now

exists under Section 20(1) of the Constitution Order of Antigua and Barbuda 1981," his letter stated.

He added that the Governor General has declared: A State of Emergency in Antigua and Barbuda. Commencing at midnight on Saturday March 28, 2020, for a period of 14 days or up until April 11, 2020, a curfew is now in effect from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. It went into effect on Saturday 28th March 2020, and continuing daily until April 11, 2020.

He noted that the government continues to enforce a maximum of 25 persons at any of your gatherings to include: Church Services, Funerals and Weddings.

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ments for the meeting. The virtual parliamentary meeting will enable the body to meet but not contravene the social-distancing rule which the scientists and doctors advise, in order to stave off the likelihood of contagion easily passed-on by the coronavirus.

Section 59 of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda allows for the Parliament to be

convened wherever the Governor General declares it to be held. Amendments and Orders to the Emergency Act and the Quarantine Act are to be debated and passed. The Leader of the Opposition and the Member for Barbuda have been informed, as have the three back benchers, including the Deputy Speaker.

A reduced Senate will meet on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

PM: Tough Times Ahead



The pandemic caused by coronavirus – COVID-19 – has ‘practically decimated’ the national economy of Antigua and Barbuda.

This harsh reality check came from Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Gaston Browne, speaking on the popular Browne and Browne show on Point FM Radio on Saturday.

Browne said the government was able to make full payments of salaries, wages and pensions for the month of March, which were paid on last Friday. However, he is putting public servants on notice that salaries and wages for the month of April may pose a problem for the government.

“We are trying to borrow a ‘few hundred million dollars’ but that itself could be a challenge because of the availability of credit. For example, the Credit Suisse facility could be in jeopardy as that is from a private entity which may now be re-assessing if it is willing to take that risk,” he revealed.

According to Browne the arrangement for the loan was for the government to assign revenues from VC Bird International airport to repay the loan. How-

ever, the closure of the airport may have exposed the vulnerability of that arrangement.

He was however more optimistic about raising about \$100 million from local banks while seeking an additional \$100 million from the World Bank.

The prime minister said the government may have to explore other funding sources to enable it to make it through the end of the crisis, although he said he is unable to determine at this time how long it will last. “Depending on how long this last, it could be extremely challenging for us in the future,” he warned.

Browne also had some advice for those who are still employed, such as government employees, who may have outstanding mortgages and other loans. He wants them to continue paying their loans and mortgages. “Those who can pay should continue paying their mortgages etc. While we have asked APUA to defer disconnections for a period of 90 days, I am urging you to pay your APUA bills and pay them on time. The authority will need resources to purchase fuel or soon

the country could be plunged into darkness,” he remarked. The prime minister said he and his government are working ‘around the clock’ to come up with ways to avoid having to reduce staff in the public sector or to put public servants of a ‘days on days off’ system in what could be extremely difficult times ahead.

The Licensing Magistrate
District “A”
Magistrate’s Court High Street,
St John’s
Antigua

We, Catherine Francis & Jefferson Reid, of Jennings Village, DO HERE BY GIVE NOTICE, that it is our intention to apply at the next ordinary session to be held at the Magistrate’s Court, High Street, St John’s Antigua on April 2nd 2020 next ensuring for a Retail License in respect of my premises known as The Hood Convenient Stop, located in Jennings Village, pursuant of section 11 of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act, cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Catherine Francis

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Tel: 728-6003

Jefferson Reid

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Tel: 723-5460

Excellent compliance on first night of curfew

The country's police and military services have both expressed satisfaction with what they say was a high degree of compliance by the public with a nightly curfew that began at midnight on Saturday May 28th and is slated to continue until Saturday April 11th.

In fact, whether through misunderstanding or out of an abundance of caution, residents and businesses appeared to have shut down and gotten off the streets well before the start of the first curfew period, which was scheduled to be in place from midnight on Saturday until 6a.m. on Sunday.

Thereafter, and for the next 14 days, the curfew – part of a broader State of Emergency – will be in force from 8p.m. until 6a.m.

Tonight, Monday March 30th, will therefore mark the first taste of the full 10 hours when no one (except for those engage in legally defined Essential Services) is allowed to be in any outdoor public spaces, whether as drivers or pedestrians, for purposes of leisure or business.

Any exceptions to those rules will have to be in possession of special curfew passes issued by the relevant authorities, which must be presented in the event of being accosted by law enforcement.

These were some of many



Popular domino spot on Baker's Corner in the Point area was vacant during the state-imposed curfew night.

points which were reinforced and clarified during a special COVID-19 discussion program Sunday night on the state-owned Antigua and Barbuda Broadcasting Corporation (ABS).

The panellists included Information and Broadcasting Minister Melford Nicholas, Police Commissioner Atlee Rodney and the new Defence Force head, Colonel Telbert Benjamin.

The commanders in uniform both described the level of curfew compliance observed last night as “99 percent”, saying the violations encountered were not flagrant and did not involve any resistance, as persons quickly obeyed when instructed.

Commissioner Rodney said there was therefore no reason

to charge anyone, as police realized there may have been a level of uncertainty as to when the restrictions would begin to apply and once this was explained, those found outside within the curfew hours acted to immediately correct course.

Because of manpower constraints within the police department, the Defence Force will be providing the necessary backup of personnel and equipment. The police will remain the principal law enforcement agency, under whose general guidance the military will deploy.

But as explained by Colonel Benjamin, under national state of emergency laws, members of the Defence Force assigned as in the present scenario, also have powers to arrest.

At 8pm on Saturday, a full four hours before the curfew was due to kick in for the first time, the streets were almost completely deserted and businesses known to open late such as gas stations and food outlets had already long bolted-up for the night. Places known as gathering magnets and hotspots such as bars were more like ghost venues.

Minister Nicholas provided clarity as to the exceptions made for businesses that will be granted limited waivers such as vendors taking their farm produce to the market who need to set up before 6am and therefore will have to make their way during curfew hours.

There were also questions asked about public transportation bus operations in which

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Local News

Government responds to COVID Economic Crisis

As the financial fallout from COVID-19 ravishes the global economy, governments around the world are faced with coming up with creative ways of easing the backlash of COVID-economic crisis.

Unfortunately, Antigua and Barbuda have not escaped the financial fallout from COVID-19. With the heavy dependency on tourism, a product which has been hit the worse, the twin-island state is now faced with the momentous task of finding solutions to impending economic crisis looming throughout the region. On Sunday, Chief of Staff, Amb. Lionel Hurst indicated that the government is finding creative ways of ensuring the most affected receive some level of support of the government. In his Cabinet notes to the media, the Chief-of-staff highlighted

“The Cabinet determined that it would prepare for the eventuality of families running out of money



Scores line up to receive free seeds and seedlings for food security.

and necessities. The Cabinet, therefore, agreed to institute a voucher system that would allow for destitute families only—i.e., families in absolute need, headed by single mothers—to receive food vouchers of fixed value to be used in participating supermarkets and grocery stores, for the purchase of food and necessities. The mechanism

for implementing this proposal is in the planning stages, and the date of its implementation will not likely be until late April 2020.”

Prime Minister Browne has also indicated that the Cabinet is moving to ratify several key policy initiatives by the government to minimize the hardships on the population, especially the most vulnera-

ble groups.

Initiatives such as the “Pandemic Relief Barrell” takes effect from April 1st and ends on 30th June 2020. The initiative, which takes a similar format of the yearly “Christmas” initiatives gives the citizens the opportunity to import certain items in an attempt to ease the burden of food purchase. Under this initiative, each household will be allowed to import the following in a standard shipping barrel or an E-container for personal use. Items such as Foodstuff, Toiletries, Detergents, facemasks, sanitizers, disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, and gloves are allowed in the E-container/ standard barrel (17.97 cubic ft).

A statement from the Customs and Excise division stated that the 10% revenue Recovery Charge and a ten-dollar processing/handling fee will be charged.

Other initiatives such as the lowering of the cost fuel to fisherman by 20%, lowering the electricity rates by 20% for the next 90 days, no disconnections of electricity for the next 90 days and thrust in backyard gardening/free seedlings initiative along with the expansion of the Construct Antigua/Barbuda initiative Program for new homes are some of the Government’s COVID-19 economic response programs to take effect.

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persons will be in close proximity aboard packed vehicles and the recommendations for social distancing cannot be observed. Bus drivers have been advised to wear protective masks in order to cope with the risks associated in plying their essential service.

Nicholas lamented the stubbornness that many people continued to show with regard to observing social distancing. He identified shopping areas such as supermarkets, recreational spots like beaches, funerals and religious gatherings as some of the problem

venues and locations.

He said if the situation continued at the supermarkets, government may have to request that the management of these commercial establishments put in place crowd control measures to prevent interior spaces from become congested with more people than could be deemed safe. With regard to the other areas that pose such a challenge, the recommendation of no more than 25 people at a funeral or church service could be revised drastically downwards if a greater display of responsibility was not in evidence, Nicholas noted.

Wickham Has No Answer!

Political consultant, Peter Wickham, said the ongoing tension between the Barbuda Council and the central government over the course of development for the island leaves him unable to find possible solutions.

Speaking on local radio on Sunday, Wickham compared what happens in Barbuda and similar twin-island arrangements in the Caribbean. He noted that the situation in Barbuda is unique because the problems it presents are much different from the relationship that exists between Trinidad and its sister island, Tobago, St Vincent and the

Grenadines islands, or even St Kitts and the island of Nevis.

Interestingly, Wickham noted, unlike what happens in the other 'sister' islands, Barbuda languishes in underdevelopment even when compared with those territories.

The political consultant is of the view that there are two main reasons for lack of development in Barbuda. Firstly, the Barbuda People's Movement is at odds with the central government on the way the island should develop.

"The BLP takes a position that development on the is-

land should be locally based around things such as agriculture. This I think is unrealistic. While the central government wants to see a major development like Four Seasons in Nevis come to Barbuda which could be a real game-changer," he emphasised.

The other issue according to Wickham has to do with ownership of the land. He said in the other islands, a developer can purchase land and carry out his/her development, but in Barbuda that is not possible because of the longstanding land issue.

Wickham was speaking against the backdrop of protest actions last week mounted by members of the Barbuda Council that brought to a halt work on the PLH Multi-million-dollar project on the island.



Peter Wickham

However, Council Secretary, Paul Nedd, said since the action the principals of the development have reached out to the council with a willingness to resource the issues. He reported that the pandemic caused by COVID-19 has prevented this from happening because several of them have been stuck in Europe or North America.

Nedd said the option of having a 'virtual conference' is now being considered.



APUA OFFERS ASSISTANCE DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

ST. JOHN'S Antigua, March 27th 2020 – Antigua and Barbuda faces a new reality as lifestyles have been adjusted to stay safe and healthy as a nation. The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) has always been and remains committed to supporting families, communities, institutions and businesses of persons from all walks of life. APUA recognizes its social and corporate responsibility now more than ever and is sensitive towards the current events locally and globally.

We have partnered with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to offer assistance to citizens and residents of Antigua and Barbuda affected by the ongoing economic disruption and impact of COVID-19.

We are pleased to advise of the following:

- Immediate suspension on disconnections on Water & Electricity accounts beginning March for three (3) months has been enacted.
- All accounts will benefit from an automatic 10% reduction in fuel variation plus an additional 10% for bills paid in full anytime within the due month.

Example: Jane receives her electricity bill for March of \$100.00 that is due by April 20th, 2020. Her bill has already been discounted 10% from fuel variation. If Jane pays her bills any time between April 1st to 30th, she pays only \$90.00.

- Accounts that have been recently disconnected within the last three (3) months will be reconnected upon payment of the applicable reconnection fee along with a payment agreement to liquidate the outstanding balance. *Accounts disconnected for tampering are not eligible
- Customers are encouraged to continue servicing their accounts and avoid accumulating account balances to an unmanageable amount that may result in future interruption of services due to non-payment.
- We remain fully committed to maintaining resilience and we will continue to deliver efficient and reliable services to our customers.

APUA would like to remind residents that protecting one's self is a personal responsibility. Please adhere to the official guidelines and recommendations to fight against the spread of COVID-19. Stay Safe!

Obituaries

APUA ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

These planned outages are necessary for our continuous upgrade and maintenance programme to provide reliable and consistent service to our customers.

Date: Monday, 30th March 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 11:30 AM

Affected areas: Section of Cobbs Cross north of the school.

Date: Monday, 30th March 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 11:30 AM

Affected areas: A section near the hospital hill area English Harbour.

Date: Tuesday, 31st March 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 01:00 PM

Affected areas: Section of Swetes, Folly's and John Hughes areas.

Date: Tuesday, 31st March 2020

Time: 09:30AM - 10:30 AM

Affected areas: Carnival Garden, Lady Neugent ave. & Old Parham rd. near Yasco.

Date: Wednesday, 1st April 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 12:00 PM

Affected areas: Denfields and Cook's Ext. areas.

Date: Wednesday, 1st April 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 11:30 AM

Affected areas: Section of Wireless rd. north of Wheel's supermarket.

Date: Thursday, 3rd April 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 11:30 AM

Affected areas: Section of Potters east of the clinic area.

Kindly note that this schedule is subject to slight variation.

Changes will be communicated on the APUA Facebook page.

Any service disruptions outside of this schedule were not anticipated. For further information and updates please call 311.



Sir Thomas Hilbourne Frank Passes



Sir Thomas Hilbourne Frank Passes

One of the leaders of Barbuda who was always agitating for greater autonomy for Barbuda, Sir Thomas Hilbourne Frank, has died at age 88.

Sir Thomas, who was widely known by his middle name, Hilbourne, is reported to have died peacefully at his home in Codrington on Sunday. He lived for many years in the United Kingdom and he returned to Barbuda to be one of the most popular political figures there becoming a firebrand of sorts for greater control of the island's affairs by Barbudans. He served as the political leader of the Barbuda People's Movement, a party he helped to form, which favours greater independence of Barbuda from Antigua and supports the United Progressive Party. He also served as

Chairman of the Barbuda Council on two occasions – from 1979 to 1985 and from 1989 to 1997. He also served as Barbuda's sole member of the House of Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda between 1989 and 2004. In 2004, he retired as a legislator; he was knighted later that year by the UPP Administration.

Hilbourne graduated from Antigua Grammar School in 1950 and taught at the Grammar School, the Boys' School, and the Holy Trinity School in Barbuda from 1950 to 1960. He also worked at Coco Point Lodge and as a legal secretary for Claude Earle Francis until his departure for England in 1963.

In the early 1960s Sir Hilbourne established the Barbuda Workers Union and whilst living in England founded the Barbuda Association. In 1974 he organised the first international convention of Barbudans. On returning to the island in 1979 Sir Hilbourne was elected to the Barbuda Council and became the Chairman. He attended the important Independence talks at Lancaster House in London as part of the Barbuda delegation.

Remembering Carl Joseph; *Media Fraternity mourns the loss of their own*



Carl Joseph, 42, was found dead in his Fort Road home on Saturday afternoon.

Producer, journalist, videographer, talk show host, editor- There was really nothing in the world of media, the late Carl Joseph could not do. This sentiment was shared after news broke on Saturday afternoon that the 42-year-old journalist was found deceased in his home on fort road.

Carl Joseph was a devoted journalist and radio host, having produced content and shows for a variety of media houses including ZDK, Antigua News Room, and most recently, the Observer Media Group. His pragmatic style of cynicism during interviews allowed him to land some of the biggest stories in the media landscape. Carl, as many would recall, would go the extra mile to get a story done, utilizing every form of digital media to transform his news and information.

The media personality was liked by those he worked with. On Saturday, hundreds of persons paid their respect to him on social media including some of his close media colleagues after learning of his death. Ac-

cording to Darren Mathew Ward, “I had the honour of working closely with Carl for almost as long and my tenure at Observer Radio. 1st as Producer and more recently as a stand-in host when I went on vacation or had to travel. He was always professional and passionate about his work, never held a grudge.”

Dave Hughes, a former co-worker also highlighted his profound grief at the loss of one of their own. In reminiscing, Dave said “I met Carl Joseph while we both worked at ZDK. Our workgroup started to feel like family because of Carl’s spirit. I could call him at any time for assistance. We had many fun night outs and those who became friends with Carl gained a friend for life. After several of us left ZDK, his primary goal was to ensure everyone got employed soonest. A people’s politician in his own right. A warrior against injustice. A man who gets the truth for the people. Boss, you will be missed!!!”

Throughout his short time on earth, his impact seemed to have transcended and transformed many lives through mentorship. One such was Machela Osagboro who wrote on Sunday, “I am still flabbergasted at the news. I still can’t believe it, to say the least. Though I have known Carl for just a year he has been a positive force. He is a go-getter and one thing I will always remember him by is that he lives by the mantra that there is absolutely no challenge in life. Full stop. He always urged me to think beyond my boundaries and look at a solution to everything. He was such a go-getter that when you were in his presence you couldn’t be complacent. He had a quiet yet loud way of getting you to do anything and making you feel as if you COULD do anything. I will miss his

dearly he is someone who will be indelibly etched in my heart as a really good person and a good friend. Rest in love my Brother. You are finally at peace.”

Elesha George, a close friend, and colleague, also took to social media to express her sadness at the loss Carl. “It is said that ‘When the sun goes out, no candle can replace it’ and just like the sun you cannot be replaced. You were what most people could only strive to be in this lifetime; selfless, fair, caring, positive, persistent and warm. I will continue to envy how you jealously guarded your peace; your spontaneity, your love for life. Even in the moments when you felt like you didn’t like “people”, you treated them respectfully.

When you felt like you didn’t measure up, or that you were an alien in this world because no one understood you, you understood us for who we were – flawed, hating, loving, opinionated – just people. I always knew that we would have to say goodbye one day but never dreamt that it would be so soon or so suddenly.” The journalist wrote. George, who was at the scene indicated that she found him in his home and contacted the authorities. “I would never forget that day. It was the hardest goodbye I’ve ever had to say,” Elesha recollected. Outside of journalism, Carl was also a renowned swimmer and swim coach. He was the head coach at the Marlin Swim Club and thought recreational and professional swimming to hundreds of young people throughout the years. Carl was a graduate of Baruch College in the United States with a degree in Computer Information Systems. He was also a father of one. Though the details of his passing is sketchy, reports indicate that he suffered from a heart condition.



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STATE OF EMERGENCY

CURFEW IMPOSED FROM
MARCH 28 to APRIL 11, 2020
GUIDELINES



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**Select businesses will be allowed
to operate from March 29 to April 11,
between the recommended hours
with strict adherence to the
established social distancing regime ONLY:**

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|---|------------------------|
| • Fish and Meat Markets, Abattoirs | 8:00 am – 4:30 pm |
| • Farms/Agricultural produce vendors | 2:00 am – 6:00 pm |
| • Pharmaceutical Companies/Pharmacies, drinks bottlers, Food distributors/water bottlers, dairy products producers, Food processors | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| • Bakeries | 2:00 am – 6:00 pm |
| • Banks, Credit Unions, Insurance Companies, Call Centres, Financial institutions | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm |
| • Lawyers | 8:00 am – 4:30 pm |
| • Airlines & Ancillary services (<i>BA, AA, Virgin etc.</i>) | According to Schedules |
| • Cleaning Services | 6:00 am – 6:00 pm |



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ESSENTIAL SERVICES PERMITTED TO OPERATE DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

- Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda (*to include Fire Services*)
- Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force
- Customs Department and ancillary staff (*to include freight forwarders*)
- Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP)
- Immigration Department
- Emergency Medical Services and E-911 Services
- Her Majesty's Prison
- Air Traffic Control Service
- Telecommunications
- Metrological Services
- Trade Unions
- CareGivers e.g. nurses, orderlies, Doctors, Hospitals, Clinics and pharmacy workers
- Antigua Public Utilities Authority and any other utility/water providers
- Air and Sea Port Workers (*Administration and other staff*)
- Security Personnel (*public and private*)
- State Media



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ESSENTIAL SERVICES PERMITTED TO OPERATE DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

- National Office of Disaster Services
- Media and Broadcasting Services
- Medical and Paramedical Professions
- Removal, handling or burial of deceased persons or disposal of dead animals
- National Solid Waste Management Authority and all other departments for the collection, storage, treatment, and disposal of sewage, garbage or refuse
- Telecommunications providers
- Transportation Services to include LIAT 1974 Ltd. (*Bus operators are to adequately protect themselves and patrons*)

Applicant in PPP case over Region Four count dies in *apparent suicide*



Reaaz Holladar

Reaaz Holladar, the private citizen who filed for a court injunction to challenge the credibility of the District Four results declaration, has reportedly committed suicide.

Kaiteur News was informed that Holladar shot himself to the head in full view of his wife and security guard at around 04:55 hours on Saturday.

It was reported that the incident took place at his Prashad Nagar apartment building allegedly after he

got into a heated argument with his wife.

A Senior Police Official has disclosed that police have obtained CCTV footage of the shooting and are in the process of reviewing such.

Holladar was also the driver of Former Attorney General, Anil Nandlall. Nandlall was also representing him in the High Court case which blocked the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) from making an official declaration for the March 2, 2020 General and Regional Elections.

On his Facebook page, Nandlall wrote: "It is with profound sadness that I confirm that Reaaz Holladar, my driver for several years, died this morning at or about 4:00 am."

"From all indications, he committed suicide. He was a loyal and dedicated employee. He has left to mourn a wife and two sons. With his family, I mourn his loss."

Investigations are ongoing.

The evolution of road safety

Massachusetts and Missouri were the first states to require a driver license in 1903, but there was no test associated with the license.

Rhode Island became the first state to require both a license and a driver exam.

In 1919, when Henry Ford's native state of Michigan started issuing driver licenses, he got his first one at age 56


CAUTION

 Driving without a
 VALID Drivers Licence

ILLEGAL
**DRIVE
 SAFELY**


A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board

'Free At Last!' - Bull Bay Happy To Be Out Of Quarantine, Stigma But Still Concerned About Spread Of Coronavirus



Susanette Facey expressed joy at no longer being under quarantine in her Bull Bay, St Andrew community

"Free at last! Free at last!" one man shouted to The Sunday Gleaner team as he drove past on Morales Drive, heading out of Bull Bay, St Andrew, yesterday.

Grinning from ear to ear, he sped off down the road.

In the early hours of Saturday, March 14, when soldiers barged into their community on orders from Prime Minister Andrew Holness to quarantine sections of Seven and Eight Miles on the border of St An-

drew and St Thomas, residents were very apprehensive. Jamaica's first confirmed case of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was a female visiting from the United Kingdom who had spent some time in that area.

Her diagnosis was confirmed on March 10, and days later, the area was placed under lockdown for 14 days to stem the spread of the deadly virus, which was first detected in China in December last year.

The quarantine order was lifted yesterday even as the Government told the nation on Friday night that eight persons from the area who are exhibiting symptoms still remained in isolation. Some persons were also recommended for home quarantine.

Yesterday, residents admitted to The Sunday Gleaner that although they understood the need for the stringent measures, they were happy that their movements were no longer restricted.

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Many said, however, that they remained on high alert as COVID-19 was still a clear and present danger to Jamaica.

Others are happy that the stigma has been lifted from the community.

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"People can stop scorn we now. At first, because of the restriction of movement, we weren't happy, but they couldn't have given us a heads-up because most people would have left. Eventually, people started to realise that it was for the best even though it played on our minds. It really could have spread if there was actually a case in the community," said Susanette Facey, who was busy painting her front-yard grille in the Morales Drive area.

"Right now, we are still to do the right thing. Not because we are free, we can go anywhere. We just have to take precaution same way."

Junior Thompson, who was refurbishing a house next door to Facey's, said he was happy that the restrictions no longer existed and shared that doctors and nurses accompanied a Ministry of Health & Wellness team to the community yesterday to check each resident.

He was glad to be clean.

"I feel very joyful. Some nurses pass through. Dem check mi and mi cooperate," said Thompson.

Though he has the go-ahead to travel outside the area, Enos Whollery said he was staying put.

He, however, complained that for the two weeks under quarantine, he only received one care package from the

Government, which was his only problem.

"It was wise for them to lift it because them come and don't find anybody wid it. Me still naa tek no chance fi go a road, though," Whollery stated.

"The first week we got food, but all of the second week, nuh food nuh come een. The first week, we got a package of rice, flour and cornmeal, corned beef, Lasco mackerel. But my family is a family of five."

On March 19, Cornpiece in Clarendon was also placed under quarantine for 14 days. This is the community where the first patient to die from COVID-19 in Jamaica had been staying. He was visiting from the United States.

Jamaica now has 32 confirmed cases of COVID-19. To date, the respiratory virus has infected 650,926 persons, with approximately 30,299 deaths in over 202 countries across the world. So far, approximately 139,555 persons have recovered.



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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DECLARATION OF A DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) ORDER 2020

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Public Health Act (Declaration Of A Dangerous Infectious Disease) Order 2020

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DECLARATION OF A DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) ORDER 2020

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020, NO. 15

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DECLARATION OF A DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) ORDER 2020, made by a Minister pursuant to Section 100 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 353 as amended.

1. Citation

This Order may be cited as the Public Health Act (Declaration of a Dangerous Infectious Disease) Order, 2020.

2. Declaration of Covid-19 as a Dangerous Infectious Disease

The Minister of Health, pursuant to section 100 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 353, as amended hereby declare the new coronavirus officially named Covid-19 to be a dangerous infectious disease.

Made the 20th day of *March*, 2020.


 Hon. Molwyn Joseph
 Minister of Health

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| No. 15 of 2020, "Public Health Act (Declaration of a Dangerous Infectious Disease) Order, 2020" | 4pp Price \$1.90 |
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| No.17 of 2020, "Quarantine Act (Coronavirus Covid-19 Disease) Order, 2020" | 5pp Price \$2.25 |
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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020, No. 19

Proclamation dated the 25th day of March 2020, declaring a state of public emergency in accordance with section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda Cap. 23.

BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

A PROCLAMATION

Rodney Williams
Sir Rodney Williams
Governor General

WHEREAS it is enacted by section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23 that the Governor General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the Official Gazette, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Chapter II of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23;

AND WHEREAS section 21(5) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23 provides that a proclamation under section 20 shall not be effective unless it contains a declaration that the Governor General is satisfied –

(a) that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the imminence of a state of war between Her Majesty and a foreign state or as a result of the occurrence of any earthquake, hurricane, flood, fire, outbreak of pestilence or of infectious disease, or other calamity whether similar to the foregoing or not; or

March 25th, 2020 THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA OFFICIAL GAZETTE - EXTRAORDINARY No. 16

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me under

Section 3(3) of the Quarantine Act, Cap 361

and of all other powers and authorities me thereto enabling, I do hereby

appoint you Ms. Sharon Martin, Chief Health Inspector as Health Officer with effect from the twenty-fifth day of March, 2020.

Given under my hand at Antigua the 25th day of March 2020

Rodney Williams
Governor-General

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me under

Section 3(3) of the Quarantine Act, Cap 361

and of all other powers and authorities me thereto enabling, I do hereby

appoint you Ms. Katrina Yearwood, Chief Immigration Officer as Health Officer with effect from the twenty-fifth day of March, 2020.

Given under my hand at Antigua the 25th day of March 2020

Rodney Williams
Governor-General

(b) that action has been taken, or is immediately threatened, by any person, of such a nature and on so extensive a scale, as to be likely to endanger the public safety or to deprive the community or any substantial portion of the community of supplies or services essential to life;

AND WHEREAS a public emergency has arisen as a result of the Coronavirus 2019 an infectious disease more commonly known as COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SIR RODNEY WILLIAMS KCN, GCMG, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, by this Proclamation do hereby declare –

(a) that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Chapter II of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23;

(b) that I am satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of the Coronavirus 2019 more commonly known as COVID-19, which has been declared as a dangerous infectious disease.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of Antigua and Barbuda at Government House in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda this 25th day of March, 2020 in the Sixty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

GIVEN at the Governor General's Residence, St. John's, Antigua this 25th day of March, 2020 and in the Sixty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me under

Section 3(2) of the Quarantine Act, Cap 361

and of all other powers and authorities me thereto enabling, I do hereby

appoint you **Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas, Chief Medical Officer** as the Quarantine Authority with effect from the twenty-fifth day of March, 2020.

Given under my hand at Antigua the 25th day of March 2020

Rodney Williams
Governor-General

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No. 16 THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA OFFICIAL GAZETTE - EXTRAORDINARY March 25th, 2020

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me under

Section 3(3) of the Quarantine Act, Cap 361

and of all other powers and authorities me thereto enabling, I do hereby

appoint you **Dr. Oritta Zachariah, Medical Officer of Health** as Health Officer with effect from the twenty-fifth day of March, 2020.

Given under my hand at Antigua the 25th day of March 2020

Rodney Williams
Governor-General

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BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me under

Section 3(3) of the Quarantine Act, Cap 361

and of all other powers and authorities me thereto enabling, I do hereby

appoint you **Philmore Mullin, Esquire, Director of NODS** as Health Officer with effect from the twenty-fifth day of March, 2020.

Given under my hand at Antigua the 25th day of March 2020

Rodney Williams
Governor-General



PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) REGULATIONS 2020

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Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease)
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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) REGULATIONS 2020

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) REGULATIONS 2020

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020, NO. 16

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE) REGULATIONS 2020,
made by the Minister pursuant to Section 102 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 353.

1. Citation and commencement

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) Regulations, 2020.

(2) These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into effect on the 13th day of March, 2020

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise permits –

“Board” means the Central Board of Health constituted under the Public Health Act, Cap 353;

“Chief Health Inspector” means the officer for the time being appointed to perform the duties of the Chief Health Inspector;

“Chief Medical Officer” means the person for the time being holding the post of Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health;

“Health Inspector” means the officer for the time being appointed to perform the duties of the Health Inspector;

“isolation” means separation of ill or contaminated persons or affected baggage, containers, conveyances, goods or postal parcels from others in such a manner as to prevent the spread of infection or contamination;

“public health observation” means the monitoring of the health status of a person over time for the purpose of determining the risk of disease transmission;

“quarantine” means the restriction of activities and, if necessary, the separation from others of suspect persons who are not ill, but who may, because of the risk of exposure, be likely to be infected;

“self-quarantine” means the restriction of movement and of contact with others expected to be observed by a person within a confined space of their choosing, but which may be subject to directions given by a Health officer.

3. Application of Regulations

These Regulations apply throughout Antigua and Barbuda and in the waters of its territorial sea.

4. Special measures that apply to persons suffering from or exposed to a dangerous infectious disease

(1) The Board may authorise that any of the following special measures be applied to a person suffering from a dangerous infectious disease or to a person who was exposed to a dangerous infectious disease –

- (a) isolation;
- (b) public health observation
- (c) quarantine
- (d) self-quarantine
- (e) any other special measure that the Board considers capable of limiting or preventing the spread of the dangerous infectious disease.

(2) The Board may apply the special measures referred to in subregulation (1) in any order and in any combination in relation to any person.

(3) Where self-quarantine is ordered by the Board, it may be subject to conditions as approved by the Board.

5. Special measures that apply to persons in the community generally

(1) The Board may, by force, if necessary, require that in any area in Antigua and Barbuda, or throughout the State, the following measures be observed –

- (a) social distancing;
- (b) banning of or restriction on social gathering;

- (c) mandatory curfew;
- (d) sanitizing station at the entry to all business places;
- (e) closing of public spaces;
- (f) stay-at-home order;
- (g) closing of all non-essential services and businesses.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the Board may impose any measure as may appear advisable for the prevention the spread of the dangerous infectious disease and for monitoring the disease.

6. Enforcement

(1) The Board may, by force if necessary, enforce any Order given under these Regulations.

(2) A person who refuses to comply with an Order given under these Regulations, may be taken into quarantine under such conditions and in such a place as the Board may approve for the quarantine of persons.

7. Offence

A person who fails to comply with an Order made under these regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) or to imprisonment for six (6) months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Made the 20th day of March, 2020.

Hon. Molwyn Joseph
Minister of Health

Trump says Harry and Meghan must pay for security



Harry and Meghan have reportedly relocated from Canada to California

President Donald Trump says the US will not foot the bill for Prince Harry and Meghan's security amid reports that the pair have moved to the US from Canada. Mr Trump tweeted he was "a great friend and admirer of the Queen and the United Kingdom", but added: "They must pay!" The couple said they had no plans to ask for publicly funded security in the US. They have reportedly relocated to Meghan's home state of California amid the intensifying coronavirus outbreak. They will formally step down as senior royals on 31 March and will no longer carry out duties on behalf of the Queen, but these arrangements will be reviewed after one year.

In a statement released through a spokesperson on Sunday, the couple said: "The duke and duchess have no plans to ask the US government for security resources. Privately funded security arrangements have been made."

The couple and their son Archie have spent much of this year residing in Canada's west coast, following a six-week Christmas break on Vancouver

Island. Last month, the Canadian government announced that it would stop providing security assistance to the family "in keeping with their change in status". Now Mr Trump appears to have followed suit. The family moved again last week to the Los Angeles area where Meghan was raised and where her mother, Doria Ragland, now lives, US media reports say. The president's announcement comes as the novel coronavirus continues its steady march across the US. There are currently 135,499 confirmed cases - more reported diagnoses than any other country - and there have been 2,381 deaths. In California, coronavirus cases continue to surge, with 5,565 cases and 121 reported deaths. Last week Governor Gavin Newsom issued a shelter-in-place order - ordering Californians to remain at home except for providing or accessing essential services - among the toughest directives across the country.

Prince Harry's father, the Prince of Wales, tested positive for coronavirus earlier this week, Buckingham Palace said, but "remains in good health".



QUARANTINE ACT (CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE) ORDER 2020

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020, NO. 17

S.I. 2020, No. 17

3 *Quarantine Act (Coronavirus (Covid-19) Disease) Order 2020*

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QUARANTINE ACT (CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE) ORDER 2020

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QUARANTINE ACT (CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE) ORDER 2020

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020, NO. 17

THE QUARANTINE ACT (CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DISEASE) ORDER 2020, made by the Chief Medical Officer under section 6(1) of the Quarantine Act, Cap. 361

1. Citation

This Order may be cited as the Quarantine Act (Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disease) Order 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Order-

"isolation" means separation of ill or contaminated persons or affected baggage, containers, conveyances, goods or postal parcels from others in such a manner as to prevent the spread of infection or contamination;

"public health observation" means the monitoring of the health status of a traveller over time for the purpose of determining the risk of disease transmission;

"quarantine" means the restriction of activities and, if necessary, the separation from others of suspect persons who are not ill, but who may, because of the risk of exposure, be likely to suffer from COVID-19;

"self-quarantine" means the restriction of movement and of contact with others, expected to be observed by a person within a confined space of their choosing, but which may be subject to directions given by a Health Officer as approved by the Quarantine Authority.

3. Special measures

For the purpose of the prevention of the spread of COVID-19, the Quarantine Authority may, in its discretion, take the following special measures:

(a) where an infection which may be COVID-19, has occurred on board a ship or is suspected because of the risk of exposure to be on board a ship during a period of six weeks immediately

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Quarantine Act (Coronavirus (Covid-19) Disease) Order 2020

preceding its arrival at a port in Antigua and Barbuda, the public health observation, self-quarantine or quarantine of the crew and passengers who have been exposed or were likely exposed to the infection, for a period of fourteen days from the last day of possible exposure to the infection; or

(b) where an infection, which may be COVID-19, has occurred on board an aircraft or is suspected because of the risk of exposure to be on board an aircraft, at any time immediately preceding its arrival at an aerodrome in Antigua and Barbuda, the public health observation, self-quarantine or quarantine of the crew and passengers who have been exposed or were likely exposed to the infection, for a period of fourteen days from the last day of possible exposure to the infection.

(c) where there has been confirmation of the dangerous infectious disease COVID-19 in any person who has travelled to Antigua and Barbuda by ship, aircraft or any other conveyance, the isolation of the infected person and the quarantine of the crew, passengers and all other persons having contact with the affected person, the crew and passengers of the ship, aircraft or conveyance for a period of fourteen days from the last day of possible exposure to the infection.


(d) A person who is identified as having been exposed to or likely to have been exposed to the dangerous infectious disease COVID-19 shall obey all orders or directions given by the Quarantine Authority.

(e) The Quarantine Authority may, by force if necessary, compel any person to whom an order or directive is given in respect of this section, to comply with the order or directive.

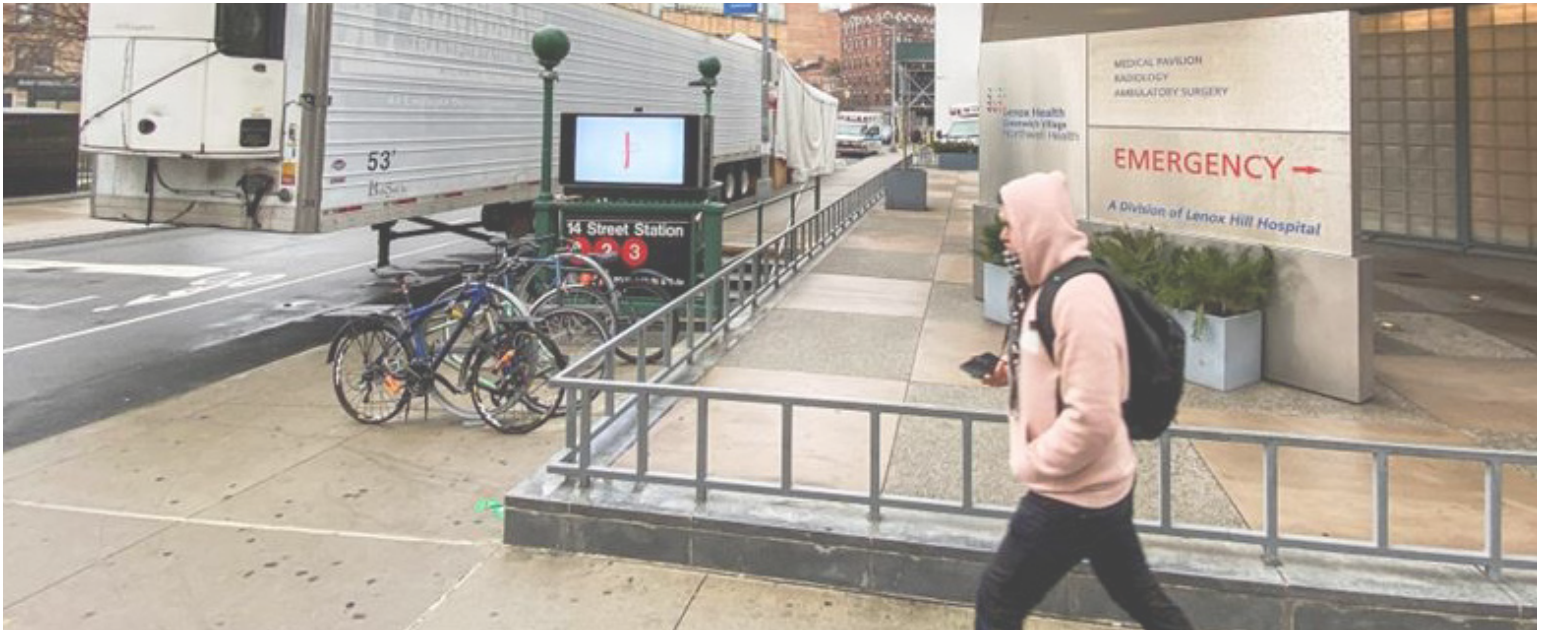
4. Penalty

A person who fails or refuses to comply with any order or direction given by the Quarantine Authority commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Made the 25 day of MARCH, 2020.


 Rhonda Sealey-Thomas
 Chief Medical Officer
 Quarantine Authority for Antigua and Barbuda

US coronavirus deaths may reach 200,000: Top scientist



The US has now recorded more than 123,000 cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, the most of any country in the world.

- A shortage of ventilators in several major cities worsens as the US death count crosses 2,300

- US deaths from coronavirus could reach 200,000 with millions of cases, the government's top infectious disease expert warned on Sunday as New York, New Orleans, and other major cities said they would soon run out of crucial medical supplies.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, estimated in an interview with CNN that the pandemic could cause between 100,000 and 200,000 deaths in the United States.

But Fauci, a leading member of Presi-

dent Donald Trump's coronavirus taskforce, quickly added: "I don't want to be held to that ... It's such a moving target that you can so easily be wrong and mislead people."

By way of comparison, the flu has killed between 12,000 and 61,000 Americans a year, since 2010, according to the website of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the 1918-19 flu pandemic killed 675,000 in the US, according to the CDC.

Asked about the persistent shortage of tests for the COVID-19 disease, Fauci struck a slightly more optimistic tone, saying, "If you compare a couple of weeks ago to where we are right now, we have an amazingly larger number of tests than we had."

Asked how soon the wider availability of testing might allow a lifting of travel and work restrictions, Fauci said, "It's going to be a matter of weeks. It's not going to be tomorrow and it's certainly not going to be next week. It's going to be a little bit more than that."

Ventilator shortages

The US coronavirus death toll topped 2,300 on Sunday, after deaths on Saturday more than doubled from the level two days prior. The United States has now recorded more than 130,000 cases, the most of any country in the world.

New York state - the hardest hit in the US - reported nearly 60,000 cases and a total of

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965 deaths on Sunday, up 237 in the past 24 hours with one person dying in the state every six minutes. The number of patients hospitalised is slowing, doubling every six days instead of every four, Governor Andrew Cuomo said.

Dr Craig Smith, who heads the surgery department at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, said the hospital will probably be forced into “apocalyptic scenarios” in the coming weeks, in which ventilators and intensive care unit beds will need to be rationed.

New York City will need hundreds more ventilators in a few days and more masks, gowns and other supplies by April 5, Mayor Bill de Blasio said on Sunday.

New Orleans will run out of ventilators around April 4 and officials in Louisiana still do not know whether they will receive any ventilators from the national stockpile, the governor said.

Louisiana has tried to order 12,000 ventilators from commercial vendors and has received 192, Governor John Bel Edwards said on CBS’s Face the Nation.

“We haven’t yet been approved for ventilators out of the national stockpile. I continue to press that case, and I hope we will be cut in for a slice of what they have left,” Edwards said. “It is the one thing that really keeps me up at night.”

Doctors are also especially concerned about a shortage of ventilators, breathing machines needed by many of those suffering from the pneumonia-like respiratory ailment.

‘We are scared’

Arabia Mollette, an emergency medicine physician at Brookdale and St Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, has started praying during the cab ride to work in the morning before she enters what she describes as a “medical warzone”. At the end of her shift, which often runs much longer than the scheduled 12 hours, she sometimes cannot hold back tears. “We’re trying to keep our heads above water without drowning,” Mollette said. “We are scared. We’re trying to fight for everyone else’s life, but we also fight for our lives as well.”

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, whose state has become one the fastest growing areas for the virus, especially in the county that includes Detroit, called the rapid spread “gut-wrenching”.

“We have nurses wearing the same mask from the beginning of their shift until the end, masks that are supposed to for one patient at one point in your shift. We need some assistance and we’re going to need thousands of ventilators,” Whitmer said.

On Saturday, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned residents of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey against non-essential domestic travel for 14 days.

Tests to track the disease’s progress also remain in short supply, despite repeated White House promises they would be widely available. Since the virus first appeared in the US in late January, Trump has vacillated between playing down the risks of infection and urging Americans to take steps to slow its spread.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020, No. 19

Proclamation dated the 25th day of March 2020, declaring a state of public emergency in accordance with section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda Cap. 23.

BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

A PROCLAMATION


 Sir Rodney Williams KCN, GCMG
 Governor General

WHEREAS it is enacted by section 20(1) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23 that the Governor General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the Official Gazette, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Chapter II of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23;

AND WHEREAS section 21(5) of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23 provides that a proclamation under section 20 shall not be effective unless it contains a declaration that the Governor General is satisfied –

(a) that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the imminence of a state of war between Her Majesty and a foreign state or as a result of the occurrence of any earthquake, hurricane, flood, fire, outbreak of pestilence or of infectious disease, or other calamity whether similar to the foregoing or not; or

(b) that action has been taken, or is immediately threatened, by any person, of such a nature and on so extensive a scale, as to be likely to endanger the public safety or to deprive the community or any substantial portion of the community of supplies or services essential to life;

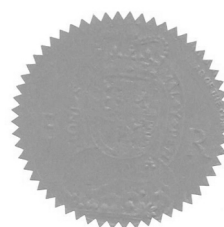
AND WHEREAS a public emergency has arisen as a result of the Coronavirus 2019 an infectious disease more commonly known as COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SIR RODNEY WILLIAMS KCN, GCMG, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, by this Proclamation do hereby declare –

(a) that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Chapter II of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda, Cap. 23;

(b) that I am satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the occurrence of the Coronavirus 2019 more commonly known as COVID-19, which has been declared as a dangerous infectious disease.

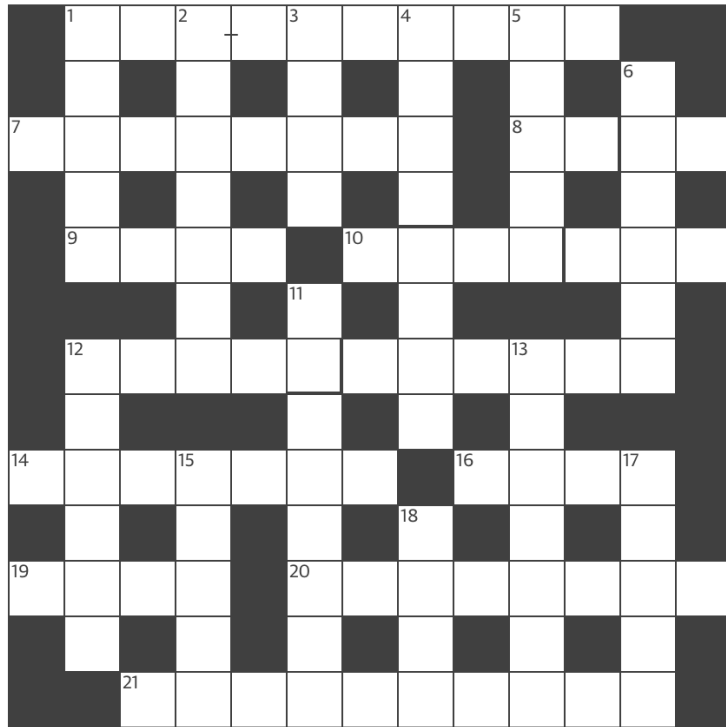
GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of Antigua and Barbuda at Government House in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda this 25th day of March, 2020 in the Sixty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.



GIVEN at the Governor General’s Residence, St. John’s, Antigua this 25th day of March, 2020 and in the Sixty-ninth year of Her Majesty’s Reign

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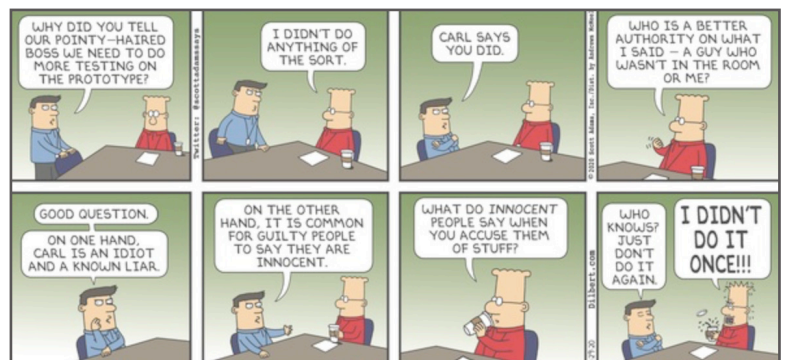
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Aries

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Are things really going this beautifully for you, Aries? This is a question you might ask yourself now. All looks perfect as career, romance, education, and spiritual matters seem to crystallize into a wonderful life. Don't waste time worrying if this is all too good to be true! You're concerned about the future, but right now, live in the moment. You're creating some great memories, if nothing else. Enjoy!


Taurus

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Expanding your horizons is definitely on the agenda today, Taurus. Travel, education, creativity – they're all coming to the forefront of your concerns. Romance should also be going well. A friend could introduce you to a new interest, and children might also be a source of joy. Happiness reigns as you're able to spend more time pursuing the concerns that mean the most to you. Any mundane irritations notwithstanding, this should be a beautiful day.


Gemini

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

Are you working at home now or perhaps considering it, Gemini? If so, remember that you'll probably enjoy the comfort and freedom it provides. Being in your own territory among your books and pets and wearing your old clothes will feel good. However, in no way will working on your own compromise your work ethic. If anything, you'll get more done than ever. Dig in and go for the gold.


Cancer

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

A social event in your neighborhood could connect you with people who share your spiritual and intellectual inclinations, Cancer. As a result, you'll probably make some new friends and spend a lot of time on the phone with them over the next few days. If you're single, one could be a potential love partner. If you're a writer or artist, expect oodles of inspiration to hit you as a result of all this.


Leo

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)

A project that you're working on, perhaps job related, perhaps personal, is likely to require more creative skill than you usually need, Leo. Writing, drawing, or computer graphics could be involved. You might have some doubts about your abilities, but you're more likely to be surprised by the results. You're apt to enjoy working this way, and you may hope to continue. Keep up the good work, and good luck!


Virgo

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22)

If you're artistic by nature, Virgo, expect a rush of inspiration to hit today, along with an irresistible compulsion to start a new project and work until you can see at least some results. If you've never been artistic before, you may suddenly feel like giving it a try, perhaps using computer technology. No matter what, you're likely to derive a lot of pleasure from it, so go to it. Have fun!


Libra

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Something wonderful could happen to you today at home, Libra. A lover could declare eternal devotion, spiritual revelations could come thick and fast, or great news regarding career or money matters could be just over the horizon. Whatever comes is apt to bring happiness for all concerned. You may pinch yourself to make sure you're awake! Relax and enjoy it. You have it coming, and it's there to be savored.


Scorpio

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Developments over the past few days could have you feeling very excited and particularly optimistic about your love life, Scorpio. Communications with your beloved could take the form of romantic songs or poetry. If you want to give your friend a gift, by all means do, but confine it to something nonthreatening like a book. Everything seems great now, but too much emotional expression and material generosity could overwhelm your friend. Be patient!


Sagittarius

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

If you're involved in the arts, Sagittarius, expect today to hear about an opportunity to exhibit your work publicly. There should be a very positive reaction to it, so you can expect a lot of compliments and ego-boosts. An opportunity to earn some money from your work could also come along. Don't turn it down out of shyness or insecurity. Go for the gold. This trend is likely to continue, so make the most of it.


Capricorn

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Incredible feelings of enthusiasm, optimism, and sheer joy could fill your heart and mind today, Capricorn. Your life is changing in a positive way, and even though it may not be readily apparent, you're sensing it intuitively. Romance with someone from far away could be in the offing. If you're a writer, publishing is right around the corner. The only downside is that you might feel panicky, as if all this will disappear. Stay focused!


Aquarius

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

Some beautiful dreams or visions, perhaps involving angels, spirit guides, or other such beings, could come today, Aquarius. Listen carefully to the messages they bring. Whether they involve matters in your material life, intellectual or spiritual concerns, or future events, they can shed light on a lot of facts about you of which you might not be aware. Write them down as soon as you can. You'll be glad you did.


Pisces

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Love and romance continue to blossom, Pisces. Social events could find you and your beloved among both old and new friends, perhaps letting some of them know for the first time that you're actually an item. Someone close to both of you could be planning a wedding and invite you to come. Don't be surprised if it gives your partner ideas! Let yourself dream a little today. You can face reality tomorrow.

Greene: Postponing Olympics was right decision

The National Olympic Committee president Hon. Paul “Chet” Greene says the decision by the International Olympic Committee to postponed the event until 2021 is the correct decision.

Greene noted that some members are split over the decision as to if the games should go ahead or not.

But the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade added that, if the event was to go ahead they would not experience the same level of televised coverage, crowd participation and athletic performances with social distancing and the treat of the pandemic spreading.

He noted that the decision by the IOC (International Olympic Committee) shows their human side and respect for the athletes, and fans.

The former football powerhouse says the world is fighting the biggest fight ever and the International



National Olympic Committee president Hon. Paul “Chet” Greene

Olympic Committee has partnered with all the World organizations and Governments demonstrating they are part of the family.

Greene articulated that every country who has hosted the Olympic Games prepares for a legacy and Japan is no different. He added that, all host have seen their tourism product spiked and received improved arrivals

after the games would have ended and Japan will be no different.

On the local scene the Politician and Sports administrator says the National Olympic Committee is encouraging local athletes to continue training in the safest environment to maintain their level of readiness.

Greene says the highlight of the NOC is seeing ath-

letes develop and realizing their full potential in competition and academically.

He adds the biggest challenge is creating autonomy where sporting organizations don't run to the local body for everything financially.

The former Football secretary is hoping that moving forward the NOC can have more dialogs, and encourage more structure among local organizations.

Chet as he is affectionately called want to foster a better working relationship with the local media to promote more positive promotion of local athletes.

The Minister meanwhile is encouraging the nation to be respectful of the information and guidelines passed by the international, regional organizations and the Ministry of Health to curb the spread of the Coronavirus on the island.

Johnny Graves enjoying the cricket challenge

Twenty years working in Cricket in the United Kingdom meet Cricket West Indies Chief Operations Officer Johnny Graves (CEO) who has been enjoying the challenge of been a part of the team responsible for developing and professionalizing regional cricket holistically.

Graves says his skills have been tested having to gain the trust of the players and reintroducing the older players who were on the outside, while making sure Caribbean Premier League (CPL)



West Indies Chief Operations Officer Johnny Graves.

doesn't clash with regional schedule events.

The CEO noted having all the players wanting to represent the region and

investing in female cricket is a priority.

Graves pointed to COVID-19 making it difficult to sell media rights and keeping the board on track financially.

The Englishman says everything is in good standing with contracts with the regional boards.

Most of the regional players make between 50 to 60,000 USD yearly.

The CWI have rescheduled all female programs with the ladies looking to participate in the ICC under-19 world cup later this year.

Lewis wary of COVID-19

President of the Leewards Hurricanes Franchise Enoch Lewis has been talking about the difficulty of managing the day-to-day operations of the Franchise with the existence of COVID-19 in the islands.

He says the Pandemic has made certain habits you are accustomed to difficult like simple hand shake, face-to-face meetings and has everyone distracted, but he noted that they have been doing their best under the circumstances to make sure they hit the ground running whenever normal life resumes.

The former Antigua and Barbuda Cricket captain is not happy with the recent performance of the team in the recent four championship won by Barbados but added that they perform well four months ago in the Super 50 and he is confident they will bounce back.

He believes that coach Stuart Williams need a little more time to settle and



President of the Leewards Hurricanes Franchise Enoch Lewis, right.

inject his philosophy in the team. Lewis says life is filled with Hills and Valleys and the players who were riding high a few months ago will have to dig themselves out of the valley after finishing dead last in the recent four day regional tournament.

The former Leeward Islands captain said when he took over as president of the regional body there was no cricket been played in the Leeward Islands and oth-

er territories were looking down on the team. Since the cricket are been played again and the overall performance of the team have improved.

Enoch says unlike the other presidents who operate on one land mass he faces the difficulty of been in Antigua, the headquarters in St. Kitts, and he has the other islands who, if he wants a meeting have to find a way to get everyone in the same place

during their busy schedules.

Lewis says the same goes for the team with players located in different territories, and everyone following their own coaching plan, it makes it difficult to build a good unit unlike Barbados who has all their players in one location whenever they need them.

Election is in the air once the COVID Pandemic passes and Lewis is running unchallenged. He says once elected his main goal is to tackle the situation of having coaches spread all over the territories coaching from the same manual instead of everyone doing their own thing.

Enoch is encourage by the presence of Alzari Joseph, Rakeem Jimbo Cornwall, Hayden Walsh Jr and Jamar Hamilton in the CWI senior set up and says he is very proud of them. He noted it also shows that there have been some positives within the Leeward Hurricanes family.

Leeward Islands Masters Cricket Tournament cancelled

The Leeward Islands Masters Association has cancelled their annual Leeward Islands Masters Cricket Tournament slated for the 28 of May to 1st June 2020 in St. Kitts.

The very difficult decision was arrived at, after an emergency meeting with

executive of the association and consultation with the health authorities and other stakeholders as regards to COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting sporting activities across the world.

The executive is looking to execute the tournament in 2021 in St. Kitts.



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Former national player Carl Carr teaching the art of goalkeeping

Former national player Carl Carr has been plugging a gap that needs filling, the development of goalkeepers.

PointXpress travelled to King George the V grounds the home of Empire Football and Cricket Club Sunday morning (Yesterday) to witness the former national goalkeeper and his students in action.

Carl said with the COVID-19 virus in the air he has found time to work four of his students in an effort to keep them sharp and match ready when the pandemic blows over.

The experience campaigner who is also the islands



national goalkeeper trainer says, the art of goalkeeping is a weak area in local football in recent years, and he is making his contribution by passing on some of the



knowledge he would have garnered over the many years playing in the Premier

Division and representing his Country.

When quizzed on some of the specific areas of concentration he pointed to footworks, catching, ball handling, high save, and shot blocking.

Carr says Antigua need a goalkeeping academy and host camps so goalkeepers can be ready to represent their country and clubs when called.

Carl says that any goalkeeper who needs assistance with their development or readiness can contact him at 776-3884.

