



PRESS RELEASE

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Persons Encouraged to Be Responsible in Sharing Information Regarding COVID-19

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) is appealing to residents to be responsible in sharing information regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Health Authority which administrates public healthcare in the parishes of Manchester, St. Elizabeth and Clarendon, is making the appeal against the background of several messages being circulated on social media and messaging platforms about persons who are alleged to have COVID-19 in the region.

Regional Director for the SRHA, Michael Bent is reminding persons to be extremely careful in sharing information and to ensure that messages and information are verified before being shared.

“We understand the fear that many people are experiencing, given the seriousness of the disease, however it is important that persons understand that misinformation tends to play on people’s fears and can have devastating results. Be responsible when you share information and messages and try to access factual information from the Ministry of Health and Wellness” Mr. Bent said.

Persons can access information from the Ministry of Health and Wellness and its four Regional Health Authorities, the Southern Regional Health Authority, the North-East Regional Health Authority, the South-East Regional Health Authority and the Western Regional Health Authority.

Persons with COVID-19 concerns are reminded to contact 888-ONE-LOVE (663-5683), 888-754-7792, 876-542-5998, 876-542-6007, 876-542-6006 and 876-542-5998. Members of the public may also make contact the Ministry via email using covid19@moh.gov.jm or jacovid19facts@gmail.com.

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