

HEALTH HERALD

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Recovery Positive

90 new COVID-19 recoveries in the last week

Jamaica maintained its recovery streak this past week as 90 more Jamaicans were released from care.

On Saturday, May 30, the Ministry of Health and Wellness reported an additional 6 new confirmed COVID-19 cases, bringing the island's total number of recorded positives to 581. Only 291 of the total were active cases.

The six most recent cases are comprised of three females and three males. One of the three females is a 75 year old from St. Catherine. The other two are from Kingston and St. Andrew. Two of the males – one of a Portland address and the other of a Trelawny address – recently returned to the island under the Controlled Re-entry Programme. The other male is from Kingston and St. Andrew.

As at May 30, the classifications were as follows:

- 215 contacts of confirmed cases;
- 21 under investigation;
- 84 imported cases;
- 27 local transmission cases not epidemiologically linked; and
- 234 linked to a workplace cluster.

Up to Saturday, the island's testing numbers were up to 12,389. In addition to the 581 positives, there were 11,758 negatives and 50 pending.

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Service delivery at the Percy Junor Hospital (PJH) in North-East Manchester have been given a boost with the donation of an ECG machine and defibrillator valued at \$1.6 million.

The donation was made by the hospital's 70th Anniversary Committee. Participating in the handing over of the donation on Wednesday, May 27 were: (from left) CEO for the PJH, Carlton Nichols; PJH Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Carlos Wilson; Nurse Ward Manager for the A&E Department, Michelle Hales-Thompson; Regional Director for the Southern Regional Health Authority, Michael Bent; Director of Nursing Services at the PJH, Jacqueline Pennicook; and Parish Manager for the Manchester Health Services, Sandia Chambers-Ferguson.

Mr. Bent used the opportunity to thank the healthcare workers for their dedication in managing the general health of the population, in addition to handling the coronavirus pandemic, which is uncharted waters for the health team.

Letters of Gratitude

Though it was a long and trying one, the wait is no more, I'm on my way home, lol!

Hearing what was going on at the other facilities, I must say that my stay at El-Greco was rather different and much appreciated. Daily requests, questions needing answers and oh boy! the impatient persons to deal with each day, you all tried to fulfill them in the best way possible and I say thank you!

From admin (Ms Mullings), nurses (Ms Campbell, Ms Grant, Ms Clementson and Ms Baker) and the ones we see on a daily who ensure we got our meals (Kevin and Wayne), you all did a wonderful job and I will miss you all! And please none of y'all don't get this Corona.

*Yours truly,
Toni ♥*

Good morning El Greco admin,

I want to say thank you for your hospitality during our isolation period. Your staff displayed good communication skills, an attitude of genuine care and did everything in their power to ensure we were comfortable during this challenging time. Thanks again and we know that with this level of professionalism, only the sky is the limit. God bless.



SRHA Receives Donation From Food for the Poor, Ja.

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), which administrates public healthcare in Manchester, Clarendon and St. Elizabeth, has received a donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) from Food for the Poor (FFP), Jamaica, through their local and overseas donors, to assist with the fight against COVID-19.

The donation included: 65 hospital mattresses, 50 boxes of ear loop masks, 60 boxes of respirator and surgical masks, 20 boxes of face shields, 20 boxes of infection control kits, 12 boxes of masks with face shields, five boxes of examination gloves, and 8 boxes of shoe covers.

Also included in the donation are: 4 boxes of protective coveralls, 3 boxes of disposable coverall, two maternity beds with mattresses, one hospital bed with mattress, a box of protective wear with glasses.

Additionally, 5 critical care monitors, 5 patient monitor trolleys and 10 hospital mattresses were given to the Mandeville Regional Hospital.

"The SRHA is truly grateful to the Food for the Poor and its local and overseas donors for this donation. The demand is high for personal protective equipment and we are grateful that these supplies will aid with the COVID-19 response in the southern end of the island," said Michael Bent, Regional Director for the SRHA.

The handover was held at the SRHA Regional Office in Manchester on May 26.

Director at FFP, Craig Moss-Solomon said the donation will be used to support both primary and secondary healthcare facilities.

"Food for the Poor is pleased to partner with our unspoken heroes, both local and overseas donors, who are providing essential items for the safety and health of our healthcare workers," Mr. Moss-Solomon noted.

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Especially if you are within a quarantined zone.
Just ONE infected worker can put the lives of Families and Communities at RISK.



EVERY ONE COUNTS
TRUSTED BY 28 MILLIONS