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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Southern Regional Health Authority continues fight against COVID-19 with community sensitization sessions

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) continues to ramp up its efforts in the fight against COVID-19 in Manchester with a series of community outreach, testing and sensitization sessions being held in the parish.

The first such initiative was undertaken on January 14, 2020 in Grey Ground, Manchester and saw 48 persons from the community being tested. A second initiative was executed on Thursday January, 21 2020 in Allison, which yielded a further 78 tests. The testing target for each community session was 50.

This comes as a response to an increase of cases within the parish, which culminated with stricter measures being announced for Manchester by Minister of Health, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton on Monday, January 25, 2021. The new measures will see public gatherings limited to 10 persons and curfew hours moved from 10pm – 5a.m. to 7pm – 5a.m.

Regional Director for the SRHA, Mr. Michael Bent, says he hopes the community outreach, testing and sensitization sessions will aid in reminding citizens of the dangers associated with the virus.

“We want to take the time to simply urge the public to be vigilant and not drop their guard. There is no room for complacency in this Pandemic and the more responsible each citizen is, the less strenuous it will be on us and the health sector to manage the virus,” he said.

The next intervention will be carried out in New Green on Thursday, January 28, 2020 with further community outreach, testing and sensitization sessions scheduled for Chudleigh, Christiana, Denham Farm and Bombay in the parish.

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Picture 1



Parish Health Education Promotions Officer at the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), Shereen Reid (left), hands a COVID-19 flier to a resident in the Allison Community in Manchester during a Covid-19 community outreach, testing and sensitization session on Thursday, November 25, 2020.

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Picture 2



Vector Control Officer at the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), Andre Hyde (right), speaks with a young resident during a house visit in the Allison Community in Manchester on Thursday, November 25, 2020. The visit was a part of the Covid-19 community outreach, testing and sensitization session currently being held in the parish.

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A resident of the Allison Community in Manchester signs up to participate in a COVID-19 testing exercise during a Covid-19 community outreach, testing and sensitization session on Thursday, November 25, 2020.

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