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Before and after pictures of the refurbished lounges.

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In the News: Southern Regional Health Authority

Lionel Town Hospital Benefits From Refurbished Doctors' Lounges

Morgan White Insurance International and Law Insurance Brokers partnered with the Lionel Town Hospital to refurbish the doctors' lounges in the emergency department and the maternity ward.

The upgraded spaces, including fully renovated bathrooms and on-call rooms, are now more comfortable and functional, helping doctors rest and recharge between shifts.

This generous contribution will significantly enhance service delivery and staff well-being. A heartfelt thank you to both organizations for their remarkable investment in healthcare and our frontline workers. Please see below highlights.





In the News: Southern Regional Health Authority

Old England Health Centre in Manchester Temporarily Closed for Repairs

The Old England Health Centre in Manchester has been temporarily closed for repairs.

Services will be relocated to the church hall of the nearby May Day Church of God in Jamaica, beginning Monday, April 14, 2025.

The opening hours for the services remain, from Mondays to Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5: 00 p.m. and on Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The management team of the Manchester Health Department which administrates the health centre, apologizes to residents for any inconvenience caused.

May Pen Hospital Gifted by Foundation Preparatory School



A heartfelt thank you to the Foundation Preparatory School for donating two hundred thousand dollars to the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon.

Their donation to the paediatric ward at the hospital is truly appreciated. May their kindness be returned tenfold, and may they continue to grow and thrive.

Facilities on the Move

Vector Control Workers and Public Health Inspectors Trained in Pesticide Management

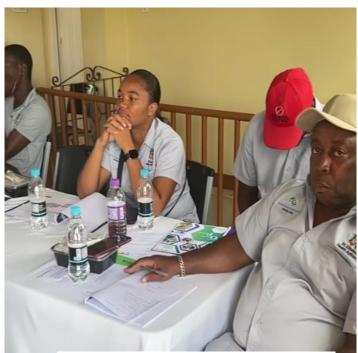
On Thursday, April 24, the Southern Regional Health Authority in collaboration with the Pesticide Control Authority, conducted training for vector control workers and public health inspectors from St. Elizabeth, Manchester, and Clarendon.

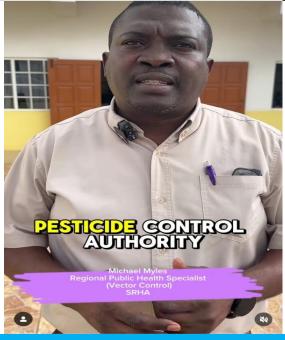
Held at the Ridgemount United Church, Manchester, the session also included supervisory staff, focusing on pesticide management and entomological surveillance.

This initiative strengthens our preparedness for the rainy season and potential mosquito-borne outbreaks, including yellow fever, by building capacity and ensuring the safety of our teams.

Please see below highlights.







Facilities on the Move

Public Health Inspectors Sensitize Public about Food Safety

Our Public Health Inspectors have been on a mission to increase the public's awareness about the different areas of proper food safety such as cleaning food contact surfaces, cleaning and sanitisation, personal hygiene and recycling. The team made demo videos for the public to have ease of access to the information and procedures.

The initiative was coordinated by Regional Public Health Speciality (Food Safety), Ms. Barbara McKay. See below

highlights of some of the team members who participated.





Facilities on the Move

Top Three Lasco/NAJ Nurses Give Back to New Green Primary School

The Nurses Association of Jamaica and the Lasco Foundation in collaboration with the top three 2024/2025 Lasco/NAJ nurses, recently feted students from New Green Primary School in Manchester, as part of its 'Easter Bunny Treat'.

Abigail James, Registered Nurse from Black River Hospital in St. Elizabeth won the coveted 2024 LASCO/NAJ Nurse of the Year title. Roshelle Mendez, the 1st runner-up, and Davia Dwyer, the 2nd runner-up, who are both from the Mandeville Regional Hospital in Manchester, rounded off the top prizes for the region.

The treat is part of the mandate of the groups to uplift and give back to communities. Please see below highlights.





Facilities on the Move

Clarendon Health Department Arm Citizens With Tuberculosis Information

As part of World Tuberculosis Day in April, the Clarendon Health Department participated in several activities to increase awareness about tuberculosis and arm clients with correct information. The team participated in a church service, hosted a symposium and information session to cover topics including: nutritional needs of a client living with tuberculosis, clinical management of tuberculosis and community management/ nursing roles and responsibilities of a confirmed case of tuberculosis.

Please see below highlights.







Facilities on the Move

World Health Day Provides Forum to Support the Wellness of Families

Raymond's Health Centre in Clarendon marked World Health Day (WHD) with a special celebration on Thursday, April 10, in commemoration of WHD which was on April 7.

The team brought the spirit alive with 44 amazing clients—pregnant women and mothers, for a powerful session.

They hosted an opening ceremony followed by an insightful symposium featuring a midwife, doctor, dentist, social worker, and nutritionist focusing on the theme 'Healthy Beginning, Hopeful Future.'

From pregnancy to early childhood, the team focused on supporting families for a lifetime of wellness.



Facilities on the Move

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week Message





HAPPY MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

April 20-April 26, 2025

Behind every treatment and diagnosis, there's a team of unsung heroes committed to precision, quality, and compassionate care-medical laboratory professionals.

This group of highly skilled and highly trained, professionals play a critical role in our healthcare system.

The Southern Regional Health Authority salutes you for dedicating your lives and careers to making the world a healthier place for all.

To the professionals behind the microscope, thank you!

You are the backbone of health care.

God's richest blessings to you and your families.

Michael Bent Regional Director Southern Regional Health Authority



Facilities on the Move

Administrative Professionals Week Message





HAPPY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK

April 20-April 26, 2025

To all the incredible administrative professionals of the Southern Regional Health Authority — thank you for your dedication, efficiency, and the vital role you play every day.

We are blessed to have the services of some of the best administrative professionals in the country.

God's richest blessings to you and your families as you continue to strive for excellence.

We appreciate you!



Staff Highlight

Hospital Attendants Empowered to Care, Trained to Protect



On Friday, April 4, 2025, a dedicated cohort of hospital attendants at Mandeville Regional Hospital was trained by the department of physiotherapy in the biomechanics of lifting and handling patients.

This vital training ensures staff can safely lift, transfer, and handle patients—protecting both those in their care and themselves while delivering high-quality service.

I was gonna take over the world this morning but I overslept.

[postponed again]

The Lighter Side



Wellness Bytes

"Adolescent Health Clinic Schedule"





Adolescent Health Clinic Days & Times Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA)

St. Elizabeth

Santa Cruz Centre of Excellence
2nd Tuesdays 12PM - 4PM

Balaclava Health Centre
4th Fridays 10AM - 4PM

Junction Health Centre
4th Wednesdays 1PM - 4PM

Clarendon

May Pen Health Centre
1st & 3rd Thursdays
3PM - 5PM

Spalding Health Centre

3rd Wednesdays 3PM - 5PM

Milk River Health Centre

2nd Wednesdays 8:30AM - 5PM

Manchester

Christiana Health Centre
2nd Wednesdays
1:30PM - 4PM

Mandeville Adolescent Clinic

1st Thursdays 2PM - 5PM

Mile Gully Health Centre
4th Thursdays 2PM - 5PM

Porus Health Centre
4th Tuesdays 2:30 - 5PM





HR And You:

"Study Leave Applications"



Credit: Ms. Juline Singh Manager, Human Resource Development

Embracing Enterprise Risk Management Within the Southern Region

Treating Risks:

THE ERM CORNER:

Accepting the Risk-A risk is deemed to be acceptable if it is not going to be treated. Accepting a risk does not imply that it is insignificant. You may decide that it is appropriate to accept it for a number of reasons:

- The level of risk is low
- There are no treatment options
- Opportunities outweigh the threats

Credit: Ms. Kimberley Trought, Enterprise Risk Management Analyst





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