

# SOUTHERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# August 30, 2016 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

# Residents Embrace Extended Opening Hours at Health Centres in Manchester and Clarendon

As part of an initiative to reduce the waiting time at the Accident and Emergency departments at hospitals across the island, the Ministry of Health has extended the opening hours at select health centres in close proximity to hospitals.

Regional Director of the Southern Regional Health Authority, Mr. Michael Bent said residents in Manchester and Clarendon have embraced the extension of opening hours at the Mandeville Comprehensive Clinic and the May Pen Health Centre respectively. Since the extension of hours in July, over 1,200 persons have accessed services between both facilities.

Mr. Bent noted that the hours at the Mandeville Comprehensive Clinic have been extended to 9:00 p.m. and up to 10:00 p.m. at the May Pen Health Centre Mondays to Fridays with mainly curative (general) services being offered. The Regional Director added that going forward diagnostic services; laboratory; electrocardiogram (ECG) tests and other tests will be offered.

"The Health Centres have been resourced with the required staffing and supplies to provide the services to facilitate the redirection of persons who can be managed in the primary care setting from the A&E department at the Mandeville Regional Hospital and May Pen Hospital" Mr. Bent added.

By April 2017, the extension of opening hours will be extended at the Spaulding's Health Centre in Manchester and the Black River Health Centre in St. Elizabeth.

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