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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Clarendon Health Department Actively Monitoring Health Situation in Rocky Point Flooding

The Clarendon Health Department has been actively monitoring the Rocky Point flooding in Clarendon and has increased its vector control activities, monitoring of water quality, vigilance of food establishments and public education.

A team headed by the Medical Officer of Health from the Clarendon Health Services visited the community on July 4 to assess the health needs and also ascertained the immunization and general health status of the children in addition to examining the elderly and most vulnerable.

The Clarendon Health Department is urging residents to take extra precautions such as boiling drinking water or purify by adding bleach which is dependent on the quantity of water. For one litre or one quart of water, two drops of bleach should be added, for twenty litres or five gallons, half of a teaspoon of bleach and for 170 litres or 45 gallons, 4 and half teaspoons of bleach should be added to the water. Persons should ensure that they mix well and leave it for 30 minutes before consuming.

Other precautionary measures include preventing the breeding of mosquitoes by punching holes in all containers in which water can settle, keeping garbage tightly sealed, not walking barefooted outside, burying dead animals as soon as possible and reporting illnesses to the nearest health centre or hospital.

Regional Director of the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), Michael Bent who visited the communities on July 7 along with the SRHA Board Chairman, Vice Chairman and members from the Clarendon Health Services noted that vector control activities include oiling of ponds and fogging of the area.

Mr. Bent added that the SRHA is recommending that a multi-agency approach be utilized in handling the present situation.

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