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NOTICE OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES

Rationale:

In the current environment of worldwide heightened attention surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic, it is vital that countries provide easily understood information regarding health protocols, testing and screening procedures and associated contact information. When individuals are provided with this knowledge, they can make informed choices on travel and personal behaviors and practices to mitigate the threat of COVID infection.

The Consular Affairs Desk has adopted a FAQ (frequently asked questions) approach for the dissemination of this information. The Ministry strongly encourages readers to access the named organizations using the contact information provided, should there be a need for greater clarity on any point mentioned.

Q1: Are there facilities for COVID 19 testing in Antigua and Barbuda?

A: Yes. Currently, there is one government-owned facility, which is Mount St. John Medical Centre (MSJMC). The contact information is info@msjmc.gov.ag Tel: (268) 484-2700.

Q2: Is testing for COVID 19 limited to citizens of Antigua and Barbuda only?

A: Testing is available to everyone regardless of nationality.

Q3: Is it necessary to have health insurance to get a COVID 19 test done in Antigua and Barbuda?

A: No. MSJMC accepts cash or credit/debit card payments. Payments must be made before the test is conducted.

Q4: What is the cost of having a COVID 19 test done?

A: Costs vary depending on the nationality of the client.

Mount St. John Medical Centre RT-PCR test – EC\$ 300 (nationals and CARICOM citizens); US\$ 300 (International citizens)

Q5: Are there special procedures for obtaining a COVID 19 test?

A: MSJMC carries out elective testing for the purposes of travel or surgery and requires advance notification in order to properly coordinate specimen collection, testing and forwarding of results.

IMPORTANT: If you think you may have symptoms of COVID 19, call the COVID Hotline at 462-6843. Your report will be taken, and relevant instructions given by the health personnel. **Do NOT go to Mount St. John Medical Centre.**

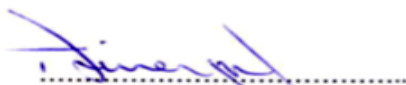
Q6: Do I need an ID or other documents to take the test?

A: Yes. Nationals and resident CARICOM citizens may use any of several forms, including passport, Driver License, Voter ID, passport or Medical Benefits Card. International citizens must present their passports for identification.

If a national/CARICOM citizen wishes to take a COVID test for the purpose of travel, he/she must also present a travel itinerary along with any of the ID documents listed above. If the test is for the purpose of surgery, then a Procedure Form completed by the referring doctor and taken to the Admissions and Billings Office must be brought together with Medical Benefits Card (if available).

Q7: Can I take the test even if I have no symptoms?

A: Yes. Mount St. John Medical Centre provides testing for individuals regardless of whether symptoms of COVID 19 are observed.



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