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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA GOVERNMENT EXTENSION OF CURFEW

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The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, on the advice of health officials including PAHO, and to control the spread of the COVID-19 disease, has extended the current curfew until May 14. However, the hours in which the public can engage in permitted activities has been extended to the period between 6 AM – 6 PM daily. The new curfew conditions will come into effect from Thursday 23rd April 2020 at 12:00:01 AM.

As of current date, Antigua and Barbuda has recorded twenty-four (24) confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection (including two patients re-tested) with three (3) COVID-related deaths. Ten (10) patients have so far recovered from the disease. Additionally, there are two (2) persons in quarantine facilities and thirty-seven (37) in self-quarantine.

Apart from extended hours of permissible activity outside homes, the curfew restrictions already imposed for the past three (3) weeks under the State of Emergency will continue apace. However, Cabinet had agreed to expand the list of essential services allowed to operate within the now-stipulated 6am - 6pm time window to include:

- Construction services
- Banking services
- Restaurants (take-out service only)

- Community outreach programs by churches and faith-based organizations
- All other businesses and activities previously allowed under current lockdown provisions

Existing health protocols of limiting gatherings to two (2) persons, social distancing provisions of 1.5 meters between persons and wearing of face masks remain firmly in place. Beaches also remain closed to the public.

It must be emphasized that the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic remains very fluid, and in the event of increased COVID-19 spread, current provisions may be rescinded. Accordingly, citizens are urged to be vigilant in the observance of recommended health protocols and to be socially responsible as the nation seeks to cautiously increase the scope of business operations without negatively impacting community spread of the virus.

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