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Jamaica Coronavirus Cases Increase to 223, Government Announces More Stringent Curfew Hours

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KINGSTON, Jamaica, CMC – The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Jamaica increased by 27 on Monday, bringing the tally to 223.

This was announced by Health Minister Dr. Christopher Tufton during a press briefing at Jamaica House late Monday.

Of the new 27 cases, 19 are female and eight are male and 26 of those are linked the Alorica – a business process outsourcing (BPO) entity in the central parish of St

Catherine.

The Ministry of Health says 34 cases were imported; six are local transmissions with no epidemiological link, 47 are contacts of confirmed cases and 136 are under investigation.

Of the 136 cases under investigation 120 are associated with Alorica. So far six people have died from the virus in the country.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Andrew Holness has tightened curfew hours islandwide as the country tackles the pandemic.

Holness said the new daily curfew hours will run from 6:00pm (local time) each day until 6:00am the following day.

The new 12-hour daily curfew will commence on Wednesday, at 6:00 pm and run for 14 days.

The prime minister also ordered that work hours be restricted to 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Supermarkets, pharmacies and corner shops will be allowed to close at 5:00 pm., while markets will operate from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm except on Sundays when they will be closed.

In addition, he said it is now mandatory for all Jamaicans to wear a mask in public spaces.