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Tour of COVID-19 Hospital at St. Joseph's Hospital



Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton (right), Minister of Health & Wellness, addressed members of the media about the plans taken by the Health Ministry to tackle the increase in COVID-19 cases across the island. (Front row): Dr. Sandra Chambers (centre), Regional Technical Director, SERHA and Mr. Wentworth Charles (left), Board Chairman, SERHA were also present at the tour.

On Thursday, February 11, 2021, the Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton and health officials from SERHA, toured the new COVID-19 Field Hospital at the St. Joseph's Hospital that was constructed at a cost of approximately \$65 million.

It has a bed capacity of 36 and an additional 21 beds spaces will be provided from the hospital to facilitate the treatment of persons with novel coronavirus.

The project was funded by the

MOHW, Canadian High Commission.

Present at the tour were the Mayor of Kingston, His Worship Delroy Williams, Mr. Wentworth Charles, Board Chairman, SERHA, Mr. Julian Robinson, Member of Parliament, South Eastern St. Andrew, Mr. Dunstan Bryan, Permanent Secretary, MOHW, Dr. Sandra Chambers, Regional Technical Director, SERHA, Mrs. Sophia Moodie-Reid, Acting Regional Director, SERHA and other representatives.

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Nurses of the Year 2020 from the National Chest Hospital

The Board and Management of SERHA congratulated the Nurses at the National Chest Hospital (NCH) who received the Nurses of the Year Award for their outstanding contribution and dedication of service in 2020. We applauded their tremendous efforts in the public health sector.



Enrolled Assistant Nurse, Chevон Anderson, NCH



Registered Nurse, Tasia Walters, NCH

You did it!
Congratulations

A large, yellow, five-pointed star graphic is positioned behind the word "Congratulations".

H & L Adopts Duhaney Park Health Centre



Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health & Wellness, unveiled plaque to symbolize the adoption of the Duhaney Park Health Centre on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Looking on from (left) are: Mr. Marcus Richards, Managing Director, H & L; Mr. Anthony Hylton, Member of Parliament, St. Andrew Western and Mrs. Winnifred Sterling-McKenzie, Public Health Nurse, Duhaney Park Health Centre.

The Duhaney Park Health Centre in Kingston and St. Andrew is among the health facilities that benefited under the Government's Adopt-A-Clinic Initiative. Corporate entity, Hardware & Lumber (H&L) officially adopted the clinic during a ceremony on the grounds of the facility on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

The company has committed \$3 million towards supporting the clinic over the next three years, which aims to mobilize Jamaicans at home and abroad to assist community health centres. H&L also donated face shields to staff.

The Board and Management of SERHA expressed gratitude to the donors for the gesture that will benefit the patients and the staff at the clinic.



*In
Loving
Memory
of*

SERHA mourns with the staff at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) over the loss of Ms. Jacqueline Davis, former Female Attendant, PMH who died on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

May her soul rest in peace.

Jamaica Stock Exchange Donates Incubator to VJH



Dr. Yanique Brown (2nd left) Consultant, Neonatal Care Unit, VJH, cuts ribbon to officially accept the new touch screen Incubator donated by the Jamaica Stock Exchange at a tune of over \$2.5 million on February 23, 2021. Looking on from (left) are: Mrs. Diane McIsaacs, Deputy CEO, KPH & VJH; Sister Andrea Dawkins Powell, Acting Director of Nursing Services, VJH and a representative, Jamaica Stock Exchange.

Dr. Brown thanked the company for the donation that will enhance service delivery to save more babies.

State Minister Tours Princess Margaret Hospital



On Wednesday, February 10, 2021, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn, State Minister in the Ministry of Health & Wellness, toured the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) to discuss with staff their issues and to provide solutions.

She was greeted by Dr. Michelle Charles, Member of Parliament, Mr. Micheal McLeod, Chairman of the hospital management committee, PMH, the Councillor for the Dalvey Division, Ms. Melecia Linton, Chief Executive Officer, PMH, Mr. Jareth Daley, Director of Operations and Maintenance, SERHA, Mrs. Pauline Ellington-Bryan, Acting Parish Manager, St. Thomas Health Services, Nadine Anderson-Lawrence, Director of Nursing Services, PMH and other members of the hospital staff.

Elevator Commissioned at VJH



On February 18, 2021, a new elevator for which the National Health Fund (NHF) provided funding was officially commissioned into service at the Victoria Jubilee Hospital (VJH).

Pictured (2nd right): the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn, Minister of State in the Ministry of Health & Wellness, cuts ribbon to officially commissioned elevator into service. Sharing in the moment are (2nd left) Mr. Orette Clarke, Director of Projects, Institutional Benefits and Facilities Management, NHF; Mrs. Diane McIsaacs (left), Deputy Chief Executive Officer, KPH&VJH and Dr. Garth McDonald (right), Senior Medical Officer, VJH.

Mobile Testing Highlights on Red Hills Road

Hundreds of residents from Red Hills Road and the surrounding areas received free COVID-19 testing from the mobile unit on Friday, February 12, 2021 by the Kingston and St. Andrew Health Department.

The testing was done as part of their continued Health Promotion Tour weekly activities to sensitize residents about COVID-19.



COVID-19 testing site on Red Hills Road (85 Red Hills Rd)

Handover of Donations to BHC from Sagicor Foundation



The Sagicor Foundation handed over \$55million in support of the Operating Theatre and Special Care Nurse at the Bustamante Hospital for Children (BHC) in February 2021. The money was raised from the 2020 Sagicor Sigma Run.

Dr. Brian James, head of the hospital's Intensive Care Unit thanked the foundation for the generous donation that will assist the medical team to treat more children.

St. Thomas Health Department Receives COVID-19 Donations



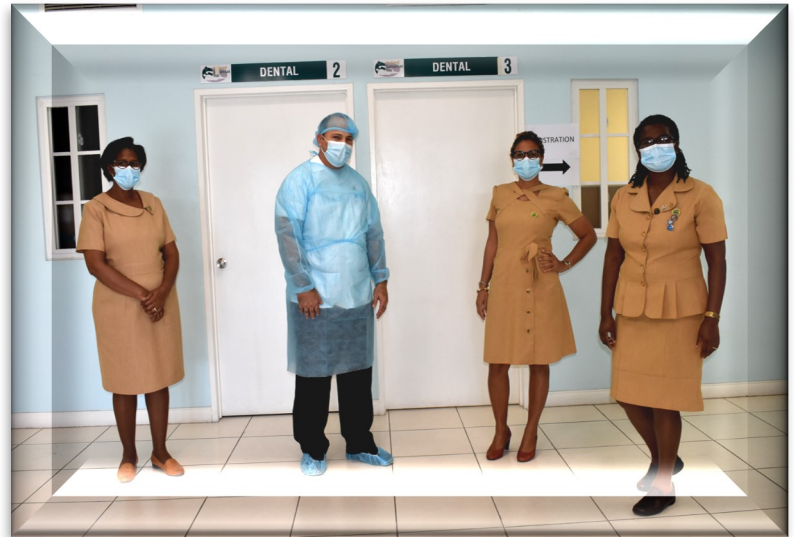
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Jamaica and the Caribbean Region handed over donations on Friday, 26, 2021 to the St. Thomas Health Services to assist with COVID-19 mitigation.

Mrs. Sophia Moodie-Reid, Acting Regional Director, SERHA, thanked the donors for the gifts received.

KSAHD in Preparation for COVID-19 Vaccine Response

Our public health team from the Kingston and St. Andrew Health Department is in preparation to enter another phase of COVID-19 response. During a tour of the facility on Friday, February 26, 2021, the team explained to the Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, the process in which the vaccine will be administered to the patients at the Good Samaritan Inn. The facility is one of 74 designated vaccination locations across the island.

The management of SERHA esteemed our public health team at the highest level for their continued support and commitment during this pandemic. We wish to encourage all Jamaicans to know the facts and Get Vax against COVID-19.



Public Health Nurses during the tour at the Good Samaritan Inn.

Highlights of Inside the COVID-19 Ward at the St. Joseph's Hospital

The COVID-19 Field Hospital at the St. Joseph's Hospital is equipped with hand wash stations, restrooms, bed spaces and other equipment necessary to facilitate treatment for COVID-19 patients. Here are the highlights below:



(From left): Mr. Wentworth Charles, Board Chairman SERHA and Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health & Wellness examined station for bed spaces.



Mr. Leon Dixon, CEO, St. Joseph's Hospital tested a hand wash station inside the COVID-19 hospital.



Bed space cubicle



Restroom for COVID-19 patients

HR Matters

Careers

Career Opportunities

KINGSTON PUBLIC & VICTORIA HOSPITALS

1. Medical Officers (HPC/MO1) General Surgery/Internal Medicine/Accident and Emergency
2. Registered General Nurse (HPC/RN1)
3. Registered Midwives (HPC/MW1)

SPANISH TOWN HOSPITAL

1. Medical Officers (HPC/MO1) General Surgery/Internal Medicine/Accident and Emergency
2. Registered General Nurse (HPC/RN1)
3. Registered Midwives (HPC/MW1)

BUSTAMANTE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

1. Specialist Nurse (A & E Operating Theatre, Critical Care)
2. Registered General Nurse (HPC/RN1)

PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL

1. Consultant Surgeon (HPC/MO4)

REGIONAL OFFICE

1. Recruitment Officer (GMG/AM3)

NATIONAL CHEST HOSPITAL

1. Personnel Officer

Deadline for all applications is **Tuesday, March 30, 2021**. Interested persons are asked to submit their applications with resumes to:

Director

Human Resource Management & Industrial Relations

South East Regional Health Authority

The Towers, 2nd Floor

Kingston 5

Or

Email: employment@serha.gov.jm

LEAVE

Excerpts from the Staff Order for Public Service

7.5 DEPARTMENTAL LEAVE

7.5.1 DEFINITION

i) Departmental Leave is a provision whereby public officers may be granted short periods of absence to attend to personal or family matters.

ii) Departmental Leave is not intended to be used for vacation purposes or in lieu of vacation leave.

7.5.2 RATE

The rates of Departmental Leave to which the various grades of officers may be eligible, are established by the Ministry with responsibility for the Public Service and are set out in Schedule A at the end of this Chapter.

7.5.3 GRANT OF DEPARTMENTAL LEAVE

While employees may be eligible for Departmental Leave as set out in Schedule A, the granting is at the discretion of the Permanent Secretary or Head of Department, subject to the exigencies of the service. ii) Departmental Leave will not normally be granted to run consecutively with vacation leave, or vice-versa, except when such leave is granted on medical grounds or for urgent private affairs.

7.5.4 APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENTAL LEAVE

Employees wishing to take Departmental Leave should, under normal circumstances, make a formal application in writing or by completing a form prescribed for such purposes, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the leave is to begin.

7.5.5 PERIOD OF DEPARTMENTAL LEAVE

The period of leave will be based on the number of working days during which the employee was absent.

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