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## **ADVISORY**

### **Wearing Reusable Face Masks and Face Shields in Public Spaces**

In keeping with the orders of the Government of Jamaica as outlined in The Disaster Risk Management Act, The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 4) Order, 2020, Section 8 (C), which mandates the wearing of face masks by all persons in public spaces, team members are urged to comply. The Post and Telecommunications Department recognizes the effects of COVID-19 and the need to continue to intensify our efforts to ensure that our staff is provided with the requisite personal protective equipment (PPE) and a safe work environment, as such, all members of staff will be provided with reusable face masks and as an added measure, select team members will be provided with face shields.

To optimize their effectiveness, reusable masks are to be used appropriately, in conjunction with strict observance of the established protocols and recommendations as set out by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cloth face coverings should:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape
- Should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.
- A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a face covering.
- Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

Reusable face shields that are assigned to team members should not be shared. As an added safety precaution and for good hygiene, face shields are to be cleaned and sanitized frequently.

The Post and Telecommunications Department thanks our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment to delivering superior service to the populace amidst the threats of COVID-19 and wish for everyone and their families to remain safe.

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