



**GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

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**COVID-19 FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)  
Update #7**

The Ministry of Health wishes to advise the public that the World Health Organization announced yesterday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, the official name for the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as COVID-19. The name stands for the coronavirus disease that was discovered on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

To date, there remains no suspected, reported or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in The Bahamas. Currently, there are more than forty-four thousand (44,000) cases confirmed on Mainland China, with at least one thousand (1000) deaths with spread to at least twenty-seven (27) countries.

The Ministry of Health can advise that update meetings were held with operational stakeholders regarding the implementation of the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP).

The number of persons arriving at Bahamian ports for processing and screening for quarantine measures has declined. Currently, four (4) persons have been released from quarantine, and another two (2) persons are expected to be released today. The individuals that were monitored and those presently being monitored have shown no symptoms of the virus. Quarantine measures remain set at fourteen (14) days.

Representatives from the Ministry of Health will be visiting Grand Bahama tomorrow to meet with relevant stakeholder groups on that island.

The Ministry of Health will continue to monitor the development of COVID-19, and provide ongoing updates to the public.

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