



**GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

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STATEMENT

Ministry of Health Responds to False Reports of Cruise Ship Voyage Through The Bahamas to New Jersey Carrying Quarantined Passengers

The Ministry of Health is aware of international news reports of a Royal Caribbean cruise ship, *Anthem of the Seas*, ending its voyage in Bayonne, New Jersey from The Bahamas on 7th February, 2020.

According to the reports, the ship was carrying four (4) passengers, who were quarantined because of concerns of possible coronavirus, when it arrived in Bayonne from The Bahamas.

The Ministry wishes to advise that reports of the ship arriving from The Bahamas on 7th February, 2020, are false. The Ministry can confirm that based on its investigations and information obtained from stakeholder agencies, the *Anthem of the Seas*' last ports of call in The Bahamas were Nassau on 1st January, 2020, and Coco Cay on 2nd January, 2020.

To date, the Ministry of Health wishes to advise that there remains no suspected, reported or confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in The Bahamas.

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