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PRESS RELEASE

Ministry of Health Identifies 15 Cases of COVID-19

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Fifteen new cases of COVID-19 have been identified today as a result of the contact tracing of cases identified over the weekend. These cases are part of a record number of 148 samples processed in one day. The new cases are as follows.

Seven cases have been identified in Corozal. Seven cases have been detected in Orange Walk. San Pedro now has one new case.

Five cases are from the repatriation process and these persons are under quarantine orders. Two of the cases in Corozal are linked to the case identified over the weekend and three cases in Orange Walk are tied to the case identified in that district over the weekend. The remaining five cases appear to be unrelated; however, contact tracing is currently ongoing for possible links.

For now, the Ministry of Health calls on the entire nation to remain calm and to only listen to official sources of information. The Ministry will continue to update the public as information becomes available.

The public is reminded to maintain social distancing, practice good hand hygiene, and properly wear masks at all times in public settings. For health-related inquiries, call 0-800-MOH-CARE.

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