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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2020
AT 3:00 PM

PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development,
Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical
Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-
Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing,
Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
Head of Governor's Office, Mr Colin Hicks

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COVID-19 UPDATE – FIRST TWO CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 ON ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson

Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
Head of Governor's Office, Mr Colin Hicks

Council:

- (i) noted that on Thursday 26 March 2020, the Ministry of Health received notification from the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) that two of the four samples sent on Monday 23 March had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, and two tested negative;
- (ii) noted that the individuals were placed in isolation upon suspicion and remain in isolation at this time. The Ministry of Health and Health Authority colleagues have initiated aggressive contact tracing to identify every individual who may have come into close contact with these persons. All individuals thus identified would be placed under quarantine and tested;
- (iii) noted that to date there had been nine suspected cases in Anguilla (5 negative, 2 positive and 2 pending);
- (iv) agreed, in light of this development, that the following measures should come into force effective 12:00 midday on Friday 27 March and remain in force for fourteen (14) days in the first instance:
 - (a) all persons are strongly encouraged to stay at home; exceptions only made to seek medical care, to buy food or fuel or to make use of banking services;
 - (b) closure of all daycare facilities;
 - (c) prohibition of all public gatherings (including churches)
 - (d) closure of non-essential workplaces (including bars);
 - (e) restaurants are prohibited from sit-down services - restaurants and other food outlets would be limited to providing take-out services only. When collecting food, customers should practice safe social distancing;

Council asked the Attorney General's Chambers to provide clarity on what constitutes essential and non-essential services and workplaces for Anguilla before 12:00 midday on Friday 27 March.

Council agreed that there should be a Special Meeting of Executive Council on Friday 27 March at 10:00 am for further discussion on COVID-19.

Action: HON AG; PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HSD
