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**MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 AT 9.00 AM**

- PRESENT:
- Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
  - The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,  
Dr Ellis Webster
  - The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
  - The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs,  
Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,  
Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers
  - The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour,  
Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting,  
Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge
  - The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes
  - The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,  
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,  
Mr Kyle Hodge
  - The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
  - Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE:
- Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,  
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
  - Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social  
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson
  - Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

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**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed that the following Minutes would be approved by Round Robin: Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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**COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined the meeting: -

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers  
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers  
 Commissioner of Police, Mr David Lynch

**Update on the COVID-19 cluster investigation and current situation**

As of May 5, Anguilla has recorded a total of 95 confirmed cases with 35 recoveries. Since the previous update, 6 recoveries have been recorded, which includes 2 imported cases (visitors) which were detected on April 19 and 29 and 4 cases from the cluster. Thus there are 60 active cases associated with the current cluster. In total there were 65 cases of COVID-19 all associated with the cluster first identified on April 21. 64 cases were detected locally and 1 case was detected in the UK, which was an Anguillian resident who left Anguilla on April 19 and was confirmed positive for COVID-19 on April 21.

## **Cluster Cases Overview**

The following summary pertains to the 64 cases detected locally:

The cases identified consist of 57 adults and 7 children ranging in age from 7 months to 77 years. They are 23 females and 41 males who are isolated in either home or government quarantine. Three males ages 42, 56 and 43 were hospitalized for varying degrees of respiratory distress. The last report shared on May 5, indicates that they had all improved and were all more stable. The majority of cases are in persons aged 30 - 59 years old - 41 cases (64%); under 30 years - 14 cases (22%) and 60+ years - 9 cases (14%).

Thus far, a total of 15 persons have reported a diagnoses of underlying medical conditions that are risk factors for severe disease and death if infected by COVID-19:

- 11 with hypertension (including two of the hospitalized gentlemen)
- 1 with genetic thromboembolic disease
- 1 with diabetes
- 2 with hypertension and diabetes

The cases within the cluster all share a common exposure which is linked to a place, person and/or setting in time. There is a wide distribution of cases across various villages in Anguilla, with the largest number of cases in South Hill.

## **Testing and Contact Tracing**

Upon identification of the cluster, the Ministry of Health undertook an aggressive contact tracing effort which has led to COVID-19 testing of more than 1460 persons since April 22. Thus far, no additional cases have been recorded since April 29.

However, contact tracing is ongoing and will end when no more additional positives are confirmed from the cluster. The majority of cases and their quarantined contacts from the cluster are due for Day 14 testing on May 6 - 7.

## **Vaccination Deployment Update**

As of May 5, there were 8007 registered persons of which 7332 persons had received their first dose, representing 58% of the target population figure of 12,600 persons. Thus far, 3173 persons have received their second dose. The breakdown by occupation of first doses is as follows:

- 306 Healthcare workers
- 437 Civil, border protection and port staff
- 1388 Hospitality
- 931 Retired
- 4284 Others

Using 2011 census age demographics, the breakdown of individuals who have received the vaccine by age, is as follows:

- 1994 persons age 18 - 34 (50% of target)
- 2198 persons age 35 - 49 (55% of target)
- 2040 persons age 50 - 64 (85 % of target)
- 1103 persons age 65+ (92% of target)

Since April 21, there has been a significant rise in the number of first doses administered, especially in younger age groups. Compliance in presenting for second doses is largely good and next week the Health team will start to follow up with persons that have missed a second dose.

## **Police update on enforcement and policing plan**

The Commissioner of Police updated Council on the enforcement operations of the RAPF.

In terms of inland security persons seem to be compliant. The search and rescue boat is in use and the customs boat should be operating by tomorrow. Work is ongoing to ensure that the search operations can be extended from 16 hours to 18 hours a day. 9 more Special Constables are required for enforcement operations. Potentially illegal movement at sea to the South of Anguilla, has been identified and the RAPF is working with the authorities in St Martin/ St. Maarten to further enhance border surveillance. A meeting with

the departments of Immigration and Customs will take place to chart the way forward for continued enforcement.

### **COVID-19 De-escalation of Measures**

The Ministry of Health continues to stress the importance of the gradual relaxation of containment measures to limit the further spread of COVID-19. The Ministry supports the extension of the relevant legislation with the following recommendations towards a guided and safe re-opening of sectors, as per the table attached.

Council:

- 1) thanked the Health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted that Government departments will be sanitized and the arrangements are in hand;
- 3) noted that the Treasury and Inland Revenue departments have been operating;
- 4) noted that during the period May 7 to May 13 educators will be accommodated so that they may access any materials which may have been left at school premises;
- 5) noted that during the period May 7 to May 13 it is still necessary to restrict movements and accordingly only food delivery services are permitted;
- 6) noted that in Step 1 of the de-escalation measures, a group of up to 12 fully vaccinated persons may mix indoors (not including restaurants or bars) and that this measure is somewhat challenging to monitor. However, vaccinated persons have to be incentivized and this is the approach being used in the United Kingdom and USA. By this time it should also be ascertained that the risk of undetected cases is low;

- 7) noted that from May 21, with appropriate protocols in place, students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> form need to be accommodated so that class based assessments may be completed;
- 8) noted that consideration will be given to accommodating residents that wish to return to Anguilla before May 21. The Hon Deputy Governor will work with the Health team to ascertain what resources are available to facilitate this process for small groups;
- 9) noted the indication of the Health team that visitor arrivals could be accommodated before May 28, in line with the industry's needs. The Health team did not recommend introducing the protocols which are intended for July 1 any earlier, because of the need to increase vaccination numbers both in Anguilla and other countries, and manage the cluster. The date for implementation of the July 1 protocols is reviewed on a weekly basis by Council;
- 10) noted that further consideration would have to be given to the proposal of bringing forward the date for the requirement for visitors to be fully vaccinated. Whilst vaccination reduces the risk of transmission, it does not remove the risk entirely and transmission is still a possibility, so vaccination rates in Anguilla have to be considered;
- 11) noted that the definition of fully vaccinated will remain as 21 days after the second dose, as this is the recommendation for the Astra/Zeneca vaccine. It may be 14 days for other vaccines but for consistency 21 days after the second dose will be used;
- 12) noted and approved the de-escalation measures and the Exit Plan as per the table attached;
- 13) approved the extension of the following, for a 1-week period from May 7 to May 13:
  - a) Public Health (Temporary Restrictions on Movement of People and Public Gatherings) Regulations 2021, subject to amendment, to include the places listed in the de-escalation of measure essential services list, with hours of operation 6am - 4pm; and

b) Public Health (Regulation of Ports) Regulations, subject to amendment, to allow the return of residents who left Anguilla for medical/health treatment;

14) reviewed the existing COVID-19 related Regulations which expire on May 6 and approved the extension of the following from 7 May 2021 until 20 May 2021:

- a) Public Health (COVID-19 Monitoring of Approved Businesses) Regulations;
- b) Public Health (Quarantine) (COVID-19) Regulations;
- c) Emergency Powers (COVID-19 Border Control) Regulations and Proclamation; and
- d) Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance); and

15) agreed that a joint statement by the Hon Premier and H.E. the Governor shall be issued today confirming the details of the way forward.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN;  
HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 21/159

**EX MEM 21/86 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17910 B, PARCEL 277 STRATA LOT SL C/1A BEING 901 SQ FT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium unit of approximately 901 sq. ft. forming part of Parkstone Incorporated, a Condominium development at Tranquility Beach Anguilla. The property situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17910 B, described as Parcel 277 SL C/1A, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,219,098.70	EC\$ 60,954.94
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 2% of EC\$1,219,098.70	<u>EC\$ 24,381.97</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$85,336.91</u></b>

b) Regulations to be issued for Exemption

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 21/160

**EX MEM 21/87 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99315 B, PARCELS 162 & 166 CONTAINING 0.25 AND 0.31 OF AN ACRE RESPECTIVELY**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99315 B, described as Parcels 162 & 166 located at Sea Feathers, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$147,851.00	EC\$7,392.55
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$147,851.00	EC\$ Waived



(iii) refundable deposit of 10%  
of EC\$147,851.00 EC\$ Waived

**TOTAL** **EC\$7,392.55**

- b) the Applicant be granted an exemption from Government's policy thus resulting in the waiver of the 6.25% ALHL Stamp Duty and the 10% Refundable Deposit based on the grounds that the Applicant is purchasing said properties with her husband who is Anguillian she will become an Anguillian soon thereafter, which is a reasonable justification for said request; and
- c) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Lands

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 21/161

**EX MEM 21/88 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17810 B, PARCEL 177 BEING 0.28 ACRES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury villa being Villa 15 on 0.28 acres of land forming part of Resorts & Residences of Anguilla Home Owners Association Ltd., a Condominium development at Four Seasons Anguilla Ltd., described as Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, described as Parcel 177, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5%  
of EC\$10,047,025.46 EC\$502,351.27

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding  
Regulation Act – 5%  
of EC\$10,047,025.46

EXEMPT

**TOTAL**

**EC\$502,351.27**

b) Regulations to be issued for Exemption.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

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**Table of Steps towards the Exit Strategy as at 6 May 2021**

*These are subject to change dependent on the local and international epidemiological situation*

INITIAL PHASE EXIT STRATEGY (UPDATED IN LIGHT OF CURRENT CLUSTER)			
Date		Measures	Mitigation
7 May	Step 1	Remain in place – stay at home, essential services open between 6am – 4pm, wear a mask, expectation to be at home from 6pm to 6am, borders closed to most incoming passenger travel, except : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued return for persons referred for medical treatment by HAA</li> <li>Expand to include returning residents who went abroad to seek medical/health treatment</li> </ul>	
		Resumption of 90 minutes of outdoor physical activity permitted between 6am - 6pm beyond the boundary of your home	
		Next Tier of essential services resume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anguilla Public Service as directed by the Deputy Governor'</li> <li>Hardware Supplies</li> <li>Construction sector</li> <li>Telecommunications companies</li> <li>Finance and Insurance Companies</li> <li>Law Officers and other legal firms including Court House</li> <li>Retail sales for electronic, office supplies and stationary</li> <li>Automotive repair, supply and cleaning companies</li> <li>Landscaping and gardening companies</li> <li>Food vans/vendors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Distancing Requirements must be met</li> <li>Maintain mask mandate for public indoor spaces and where social distancing not possible</li> <li>Restricted hours of operation remain for the existing cadre of businesses (6am-4pm)</li> </ul>
		Indoor and Outdoor (mass) gatherings only allowed for fully vaccinated individuals - 12 person limit applied This does not include restaurants or bars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Distancing Requirements must be met</li> <li>Maintain mask mandate for public indoor spaces and where social distancing not possible</li> <li>Restricted hours of operation remain for the existing cadre of businesses (6am-4pm)</li> <li>Individuals must carry their confirmation of vaccine (blue card)</li> </ul>

		Two families can meet indoors and outdoors to a maximum of 12 persons if all persons are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated minors are not permitted to be included in this gathering.	
		All other restrictions from Public Health (Temporary Restrictions on People and Gatherings) Regulations remain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Distancing requirements</li> <li>• Prohibition on public gatherings to unvaccinated persons</li> <li>• Prohibition of restaurant sit down services</li> <li>• Closure of Liquor Licensed Premises</li> <li>• Closure of Worship and religious instruction to mass gatherings</li> <li>• Closure of schools and daycares</li> <li>• Restriction on visitors to residential care facilities</li> </ul>	
<b>14 May</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	Indoor mass gatherings for fully vaccinated persons* are allowed. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church services;</li> <li>• Restaurants (indoor and outdoor) sit down dining;</li> <li>• Liquor Licensed Premises</li> <li>• Gym</li> </ul> <p>*Required two doses and three weeks after receiving the second dose.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibility of the establishment to maintain a log of those attending, including, date, time, table sitting and contact information</li> </ul>
		Two families can meet indoors including with unvaccinated minors. All adults must be fully vaccinated. Group limited to a maximum of 12 persons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit to two family groups</li> </ul>
<b>21 May</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	Borders re-opens to returning residents with the required entry protocols followed	
		Next Tier of essential services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remainder of the Anguilla Public Service return to work</li> </ul>	
		Daycare and child minding facilities may re-open	

		Schools re-open for required classroom based assessments for 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>25 May</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	Borders re-opens to visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons travelling in groups (more than 10 persons) will be required to be vaccinated to enter and conduct any mass gatherings in Anguilla i.e. conferences, weddings etc.</li> <li>• Spa, Gym and Cosmetology services will be permitted to short stay visitors if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Both staff and visitors are fully vaccinated i.e. three weeks have passed since the final dose of an approved vaccine</li> <li>➢ Staff have completed an Infection Prevention and Control Training offered by Ministry of Tourism and HAA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fully vaccinated frontline workers will be permitted to offer services to mass gatherings for short stay visitors</li> <li>• Require COVID-19 vaccinations for frontline hospitality workers (first dose by 01 May)</li> <li>• Certification with vaccination requirement for port and transportation staff</li> <li>• Maintain mask mandate for public indoor spaces and where social distancing not possible</li> <li>• Approved businesses to short-stay visitors permitted to operate</li> <li>• Fully vaccinated persons are eligible for a 7-day quarantine period.</li> <li>• Unvaccinated persons must quarantine for 10-14 days.</li> <li>• Entry requirements remain for all persons: RT-PCR 3-5 days before entry, testing on arrival, quarantine and testing to leave quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>27 May</b>		Schools re-open for examinations only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain mask mandate for public indoor spaces and where social distancing not possible</li> </ul>

<b>28 May</b>		All workplaces may resume services and restriction on hours of operations removed. This includes barbers and hairdressers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing and hygienic practices requirements must be enacted.</li> <li>• Front line workers must have received first dose</li> </ul>
<b>31 May</b>		Nature and types of Anguilla Day celebrations permitted to be determined	
<b>1 June</b>		Schools to re-open for in-person instruction	
		All temporary restriction on movement and gatherings removed.	

### PHASE 1 EXIT STRATEGY

<b>1 July</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visitors to Anguilla who are eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19 are required to be fully vaccinated at least three weeks before arrival.</li> <li>• Multi-generational families and/or groups with a mix of individuals who are not eligible for the vaccine (i.e. children), will not need to quarantine, but they will need a negative PCR test 3-5 days ahead of arrival, and maybe tested on arrival and subsequently during their stay.</li> <li>• Persons entering Anguilla will be required to produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days before entry.</li> <li>• Persons with evidence of full COVID-19 vaccination will not be required to quarantine on arrival if the final vaccine dose is administered at least three weeks before date of arrival.</li> <li>• Fully vaccinated persons will not be tested upon arrival.</li> <li>• Unvaccinated returning residents will be required to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days prior to arrival</li> <li>- COVID-19 test on arrival</li> <li>- Quarantine for 10 days in approved accommodation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Select Public Servants and employees of statutory bodies required to be vaccinated.</li> <li>• Permit Holders for festivals will be required to admit only fully vaccinated individuals to festivals.</li> </ul>	
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### PHASE 2 EXIT STRATEGY

1 Sept		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unvaccinated returning residents will be required to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days prior to arrival</li> <li>- COVID-19 test on arrival</li> <li>- Quarantine for 7 days in approved accommodation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>When approved for use in persons under the age of 18, the COVID-19 vaccine will be added to the list of required vaccines for children to attend school under the existing Education Act.</p>	
<b>PHASE 3 EXIT STRATEGY</b>			
1 Oct		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application for entry removed – transport operators will be legally required to ensure that passengers have all necessary documentations for entry including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evidence of completed COVID-19 vaccination</li> <li>○ Pre-arrival test for unvaccinated returning residents.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All phase 2 provisions for unvaccinated persons remain in place. Legal requirement for businesses applying to provide services to short stay visitors removed entirely.</li> </ul>	

