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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2020 AT 10.00AM

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

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 (acting) Mrs Nicola Webster

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

EX MIN 20/332 **COVID-19 ANGUILLA RESPONSE UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit,
Mrs Twyla Bradshaw - Richardson

Executive Council convened on Wednesday 5 August, 2020 to consider matters related to COVID-19.

Council agreed that:

1. The repatriation of Anguillians who had left for medical treatment should start immediately subject to the following specific arrangements:
 - a. pre-arrival approval as per the current programme;
 - b. a negative PCR test result between 3 and 5 days prior to arrival;
 - c. mandatory quarantine in a government facility for a minimum of 14 days;
 - d. testing on arrival, on Day 14 of quarantine prior to discharge, or before if symptoms develop.
2. Controlled repatriation for other Anguillians or residents from locations with a COVID-19 prevalence rate of less than 0.2% should continue under the following specific arrangements:
 - a. pre-arrival approval as per the current programme;

- b. a negative PCR test result between 3 and 5 days prior to arrival;
 - c. mandatory quarantine in an approved facility for a minimum of 10 days;
 - d. testing on arrival, on Day 10 of quarantine prior to discharge, or before if symptoms develop.
- 3. The resumption from 21 August of repatriation from locations with a COVID-19 prevalence rate more than 0.2% - starting with those in the Dominican Republic – under the following specific arrangements:
 - a. pre-arrival approval as per the current programme;
 - b. a negative PCR test result between 3 and 5 days prior to arrival;
 - c. mandatory quarantine in a government facility for a minimum of 14 days;
 - d. testing on arrival, on Day 14 of quarantine prior to discharge, or before if symptoms develop.
- 4. Travel to Anguilla for pre-approved business visitors should be allowed under strictly controlled protocols to be established by the Ministry of Health.
- 5. The entry of leisure travelers should begin as soon as the following conditions were met:
 - a. testing is fully operational - specifically completion of new infrastructure, procurement of all testing supplies, hiring of 2 additional laboratory staff and arrival on island of Public Health England laboratory technician;
 - b. adequate monitoring and surveillance capacity is at full capacity – defined as a team of 16 medical personnel (12 for government run facilities and 4 for accommodation sector surveillance) with adequate transport;
 - c. mandatory syndromic surveillance reporting by villa operators is in place.

6. The number of persons under quarantine/surveillance should not exceed 200 at any given time – this includes persons being repatriated and visitors.
7. The HAA and the Ministry of Health should meet immediately with the Governor's Office to agree the actions needed to permit controlled re-opening of tourism, specifically that:
 - a. open platform PCR testing becomes fully operational as quickly as possible;
 - b. the minimum surveillance capacity is in place.
8. The HAA should provide Council at its next meeting with a financial report clearly setting out:
 - a. the current financial position (including arrears);
 - b. the Authority's estimate of additional finance needed to manage the implications of COVID-19 to the end of 2020;
 - c. any issues or impediments (financial or otherwise) to managing the implications of COVID-19 to the end of 2020.
9. The Ministry of Finance should prepare a further supplementary budget for 2020 reallocate as necessary approved spending to reflect the Government's approach and response to COVID-19, including costs relating to quarantine, surveillance and health services not fully reflected in the previous supplementary budget. This should be completed by August 30.
10. The Attorney General's Chambers should speedily finalize regulations necessary to facilitate the course of actions agreed above and urgently prepare amendments to existing legislation to permit the levelling

of charges for quarantine and entry into Anguilla for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly.

11. The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary should lead a task-force, co-chaired by the Honourable Deputy Governor to ensure a coherent coordinated approach to implementing and communicating the steps set out above. It was further agreed that the Parliamentary Secretary would report progress and issues arising at each Executive Council.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HP; HON MIN, HLTH
