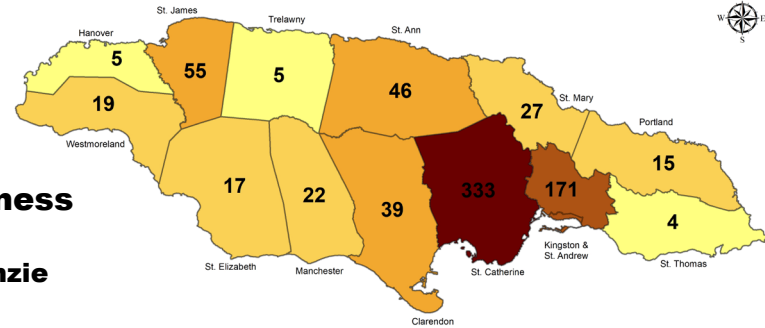




Jamaica's COVID19 Response

COVID19 Confirmed Cases by Parish



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Jamaica Overview

Largest English speaking country
in the Caribbean, Area
11424km²; 14 parishes

Population 2.89 million (2018)

Ministry of Health & Wellness

Policy & Planning

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4 Regional Health Authorities

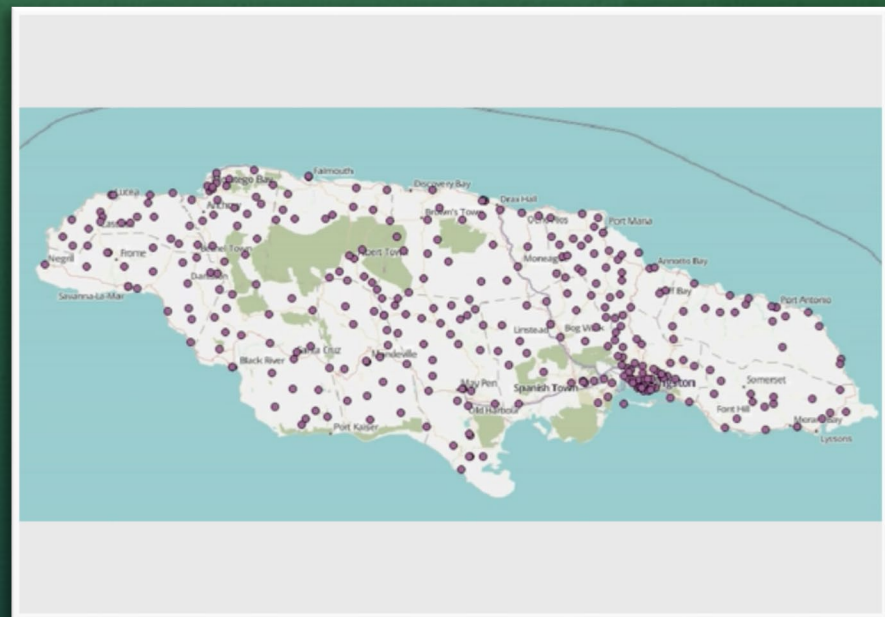
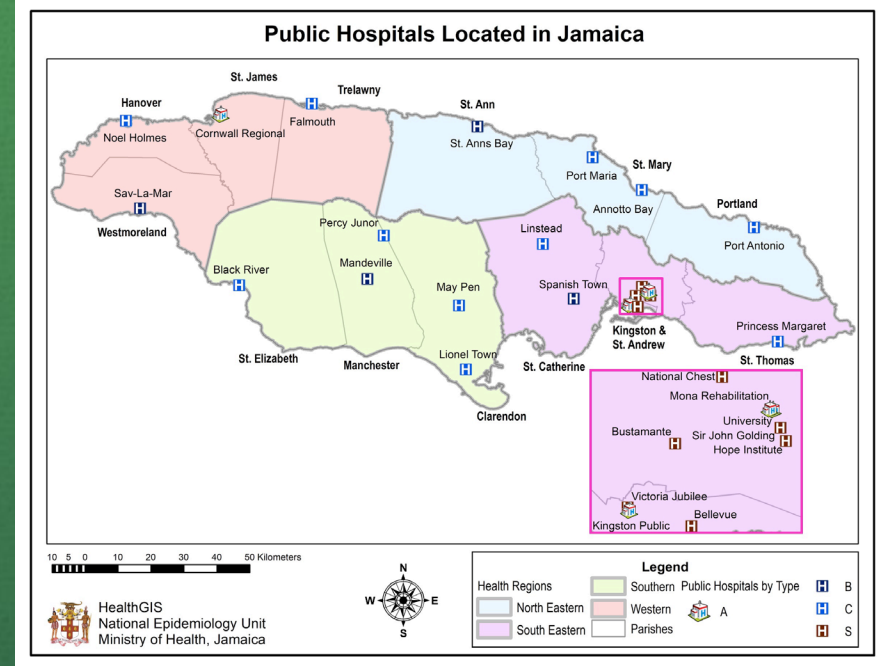
Operational arms

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25 public hospitals, 320 Health
centres

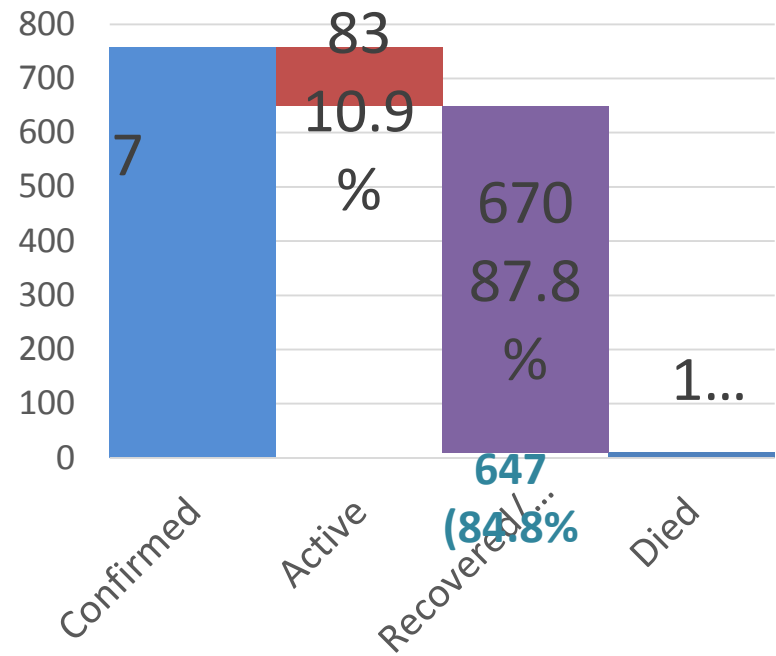
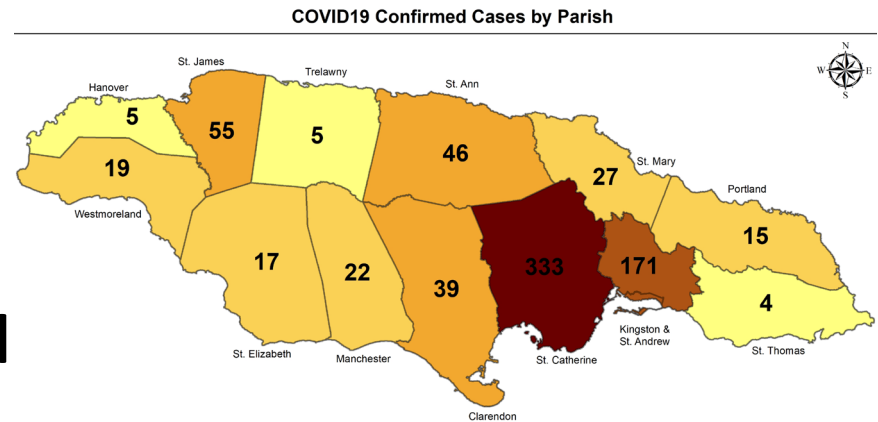
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Strong Primary Care System
Community Health Programme



The COVID-19 Situation NOW

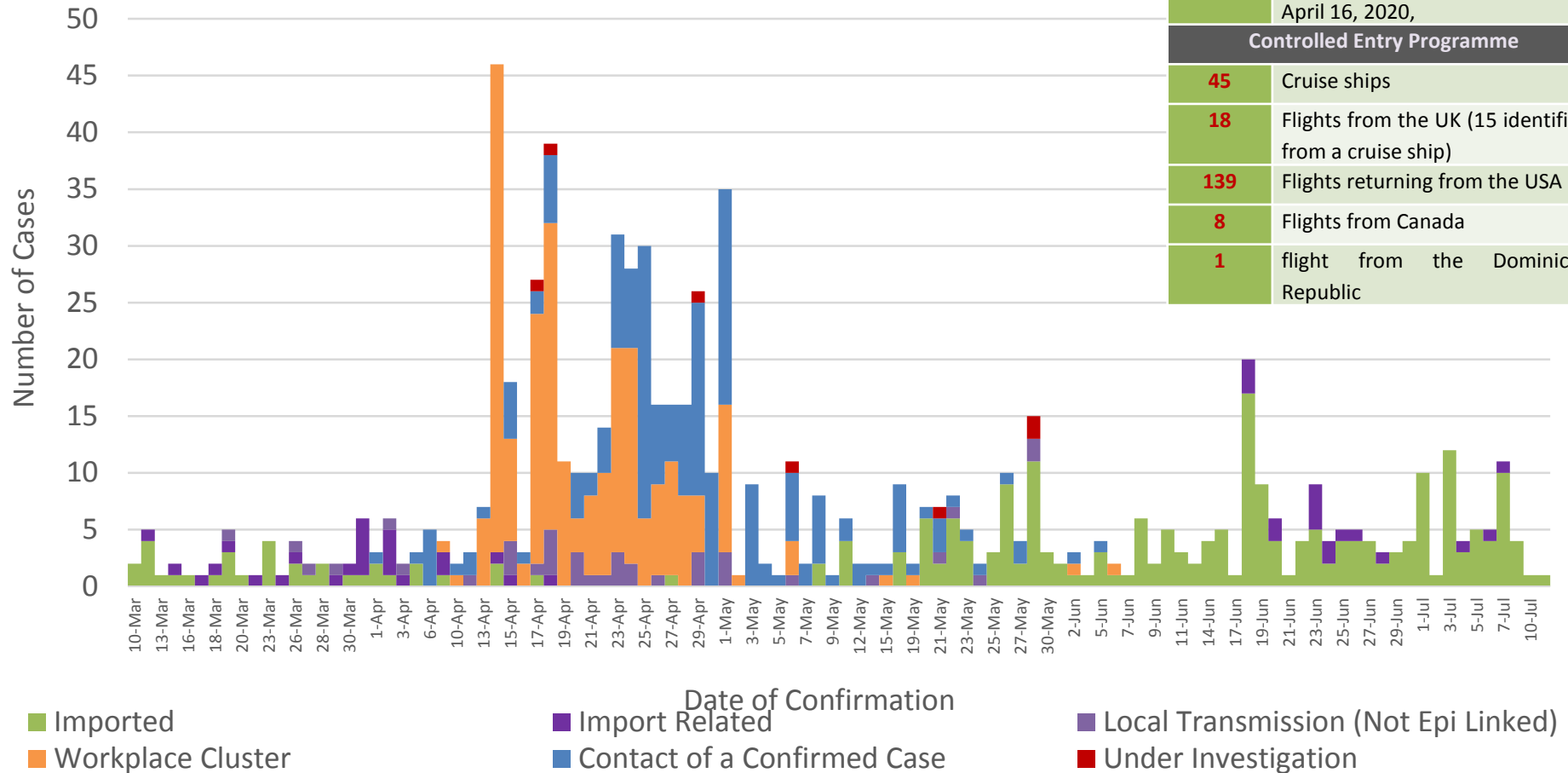
- **763** Confirmed Cases
- **245** imported
- **39** local transmission (*not epidemiologically linked*)
- **236** contacts of a confirmed case
 - 42 import-related
 - 90 related to local transmission (*not epidemiologically linked*)
 - 102 related to one workplace cluster
 - 2 contact of confirmed cases under investigation
- **236** related to a workplace cluster
- **7** under investigation
- **28,959** Total Tests Performed ; **2.7%** Positivity



COVID-19 Cases by Date of Confirmation & Source of Infection (n=758)

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Date of Confirmation and Source of Infection, March 10 to July 12, 2020

Number of Cases	Source IMPORTED CASES
25	Arrived prior to March 22, 2020
8	Arrived between March 23 and March 29, 2020,
1	Medical emergency arrived on April 16, 2020,
Controlled Entry Programme	
45	Cruise ships
18	Flights from the UK (15 identified from a cruise ship)
139	Flights returning from the USA
8	Flights from Canada
1	flight from the Dominican Republic

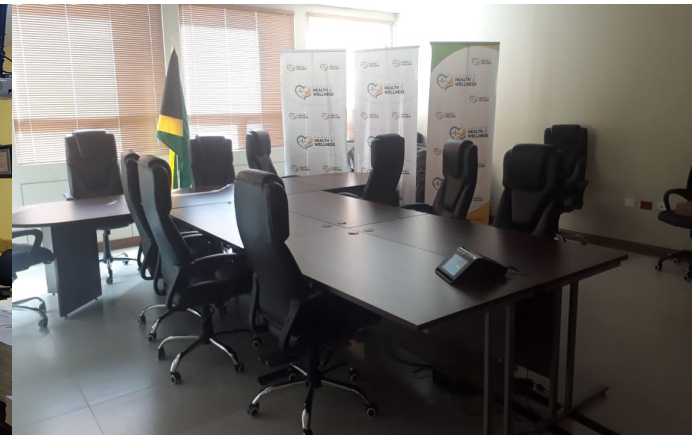


COVID-19 Pandemic Plan










1. Planning & Coordination

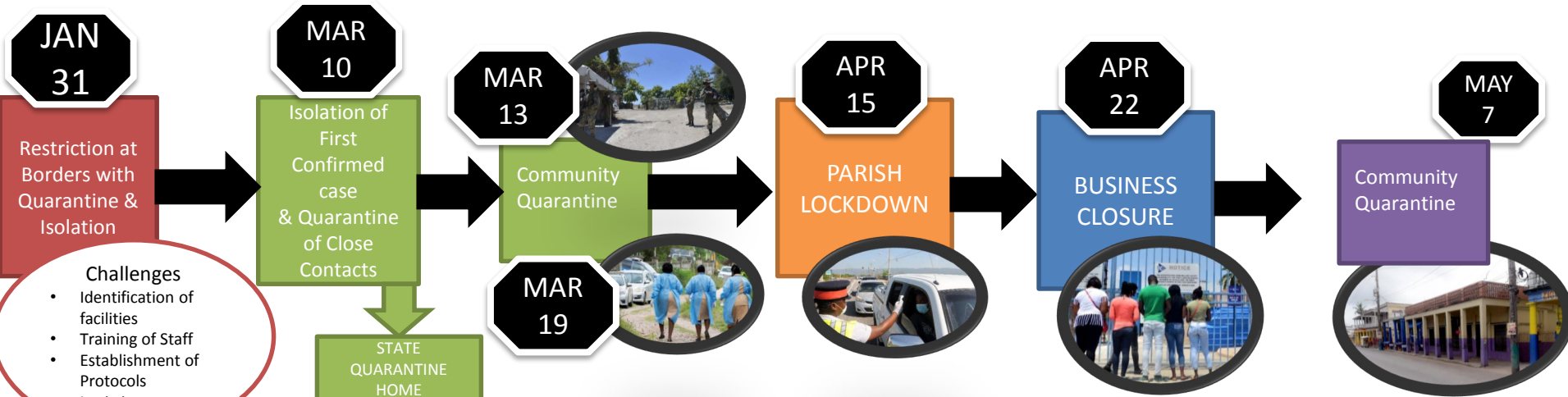
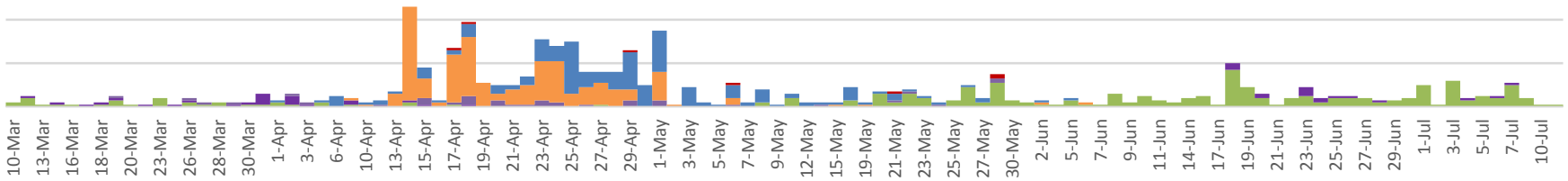
- Working Emergency Operations Centres at all levels
- Appropriately equipped
- Constant Communication
- Inter-sectoral NEOC
- COVID19 Sub Committee of Cabinet
- Parliamentary Sub Committee



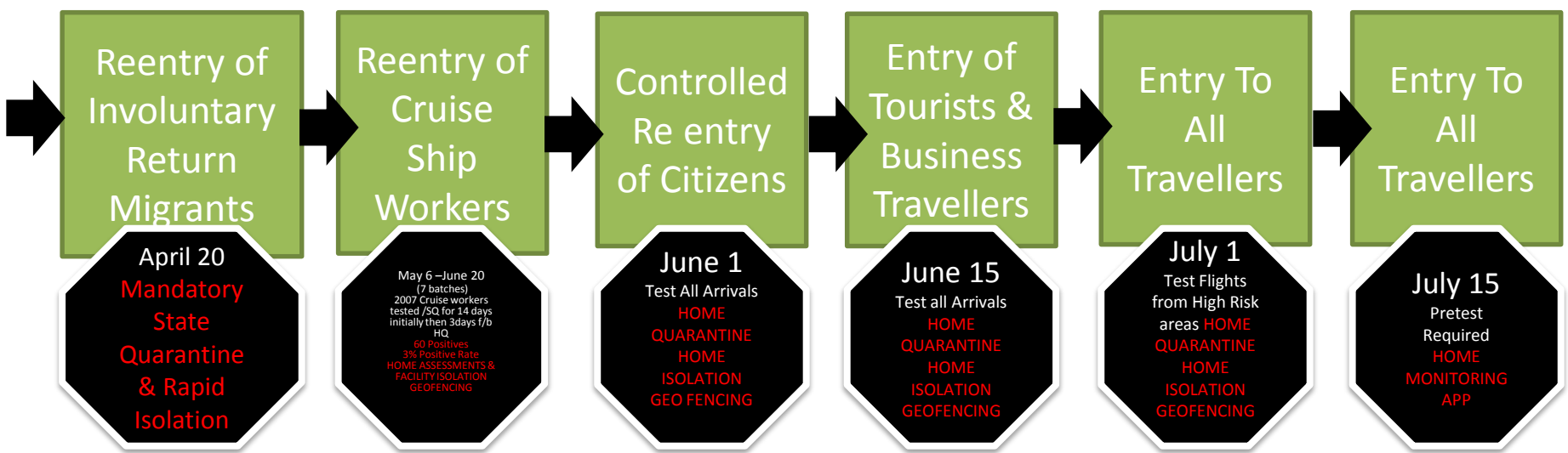
2. Situation Monitoring & Assessment

Changing Surveillance Protocols in response to changing situation

	Surveillance Method	Positivity Rate (%)
	Contact Tracing (Close Contacts)	11.0
	Respiratory Surveillance	1.2
	General Hospital Surveillance	0.2
	Health Care Worker Surveillance	1.6
	Surveillance of Communities (cluster of cases)	0.1
	Infirmiry Worker Surveillance	0.1
	Point of Entry Surveillance	1.0



3. Prevention and Containment



COMMUNICATION

From very early, Jamaica's approach has been grounded in increased public awareness

- **January 20** Internal Sensitization Meetings
- **January 20** First Press Release & start of Public Sensitization programme

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HAND HYGIENE

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

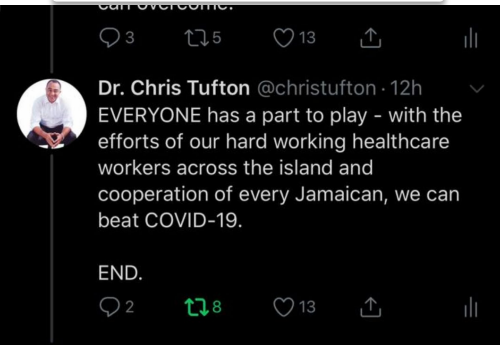
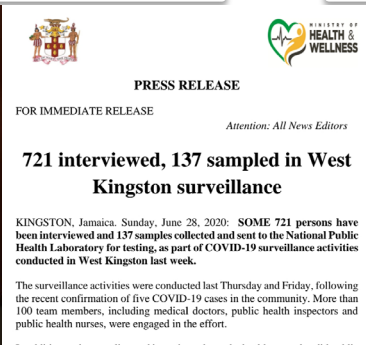
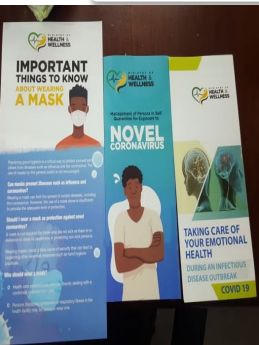
WEAR A MASK

Health Education
HCW
General Population

INCREASE
Sensitization
&
Awareness

Personal
Responsibility
"Everyone Counts"

Behavior
Change



Capacity Building

- Flattening curve to build capacity
- Keep the number of cases below the capacity of health system to respond
- Less than 10% use of COVID Beds
- Less than 5% use of HDU/ICU Beds
- We have been successful so far



COVID-19
Wards
300 beds



Isolation
rooms
20



HDU/ICU
beds
105



This is

all the end