

## CBC OFFICERS REDEPLOYED AND SERVING CAYMAN DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY



CBC Officer Kimberlee Rivers-Taylor and Senior CBC Officer Erika Bodden



CBC Officer Alexander Marzouca

Close to 30 Customs and Border Control officers have been redeployed to the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and Cayman Islands Coast Guard, working side-by-side with them to support essential businesses and the community in complying with COVID-19 hard and soft curfews. "We are proud to offer the assistance of our officers throughout the community and to do our part in keeping us all safe," said CBC Deputy Director, Mr Marlon Bodden.

CBC officers are deployed to both private- and public-sector locations, including Government departments, said Senior CBC Officer Erika Bodden.

"We assist with roadblocks, at places like supermarkets and gas stations, and sometimes we are placed on submitting reports," she said.

CBC Officer Kimberlee Rivers-Taylor added, "The redeployment is going well. The public has been supportive of the measures in place and are cooperative." CBC officers are also assisting the CIGG.

"With their assistance we have been able to deploy, on average, three vessels per day to patrol our territorial waters," said CIGG Commander Robert Scotland. "They have primarily assisted us with enforcement of the hard and soft curfew, but have also ensured that we have full maritime search and rescue capability and capacity."

Both Mr Bodden and Cmdr. Scotland said the redeployments have further enhanced cross-training and operational awareness, which strengthens the enforcement units' abilities to efficiently and effectively serve the public.



Officers from Customs and Border Control (left), CI Coast Guard/joint Marine Unit (middle) and CI Fire Service (right) share duties.



## FRONTLINE SCREENING UNDERWAY:

Here's what you should know

You probably know that the Cayman Islands Government has been rolling out a COVID-19 screening programme. This screening is to test for infection among people who do not have any symptoms (in other words, they are 'asymptomatic'), but who could possibly have the virus that causes COVID-19.

Screening is helping authorities to understand how widespread the virus is in the Cayman Islands. It is helping Public Health to identify people who have the virus without knowing it, trace people they have been in contact with and isolate those affected to help prevent the spread. Screening is also allowing Government to make better-informed policy decisions to keep people safe and to guide the step-by-step reopening of our Islands.

**Phases of screening:** Government is doing the screening in phases (though the phases overlap each other).

- Phase 1: People who have a lot of contact with the public or who are at high risk of COVID-19. People in this group: healthcare workers, community homes for older people, and the prisons.
- Phase 2: Essential workers who are public-facing and at the frontline. This phase includes police, port workers, firemen, supermarket workers and other such people. We are currently in Phase 2.
- Phase 3: A wider group of working-age and mobile people. This will include construction workers and civil servants. Phase 3 testing will expand as time goes along.

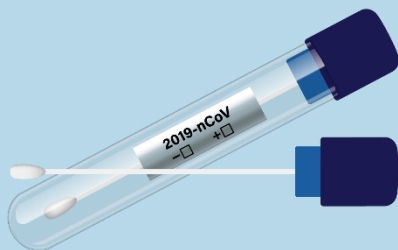
**Screening for everyone?** Rather than testing every person in the Cayman Islands, Government's goal is to test a large proportion of people.

Public Health is continuing to coordinate with various Government departments and civic and private-sector organisations to screen frontline staff who have regular, close interaction with the public. If you fall into this category, you can speak to your manager to see if your department/organisation is scheduled for screening.

**Ongoing testing:** Remember also that while the screening programme is going on, testing is being done for people who are experiencing symptoms, those whose doctor feel they need to be tested, and travellers. If you are concerned that you may have been in contact with a person who has COVID-19, or if you have symptoms, you should call the flu hotline at 1-800-534-8600, 345-947-3077, or email: [flu@hsa.ky](mailto:flu@hsa.ky). There is also the confidential [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) developed by the Ministry of Health, Public Health Department and E-Government, to help determine whether you may need further assessment or testing for COVID-19.

You can read more details about screening, including what happens if screening comes back positive, in the post [Why & how are we screening the general population for COVID-19?](#) on gov.ky/coronavirus.

You may also find the below information, **How testing works**, to be useful.



## How Testing Works

- **samples are collected** from the nose or throat of a patient with a cotton swab
- the sample is sent to a lab where the genetic material in the sample will be separated out
- the genetic material is mixed with substances that will cause a reaction.
- if COVID-19 is present the substances will create copies of a unique part of the virus's genetic blueprint
- all the copies will show up as a spike on a machine that confirms the presence of COVID-19



## LOVE FOR OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS

**THANK YOU!**

We invited the public to share their appreciation for our frontline workers via Frontline Fridays on Radio Cayman. Here are just a few of the messages that came in for you:

The Red Bay Prospect Community Group would like to send a huge 'thank you' to all of our frontline workers: those who work at the grocery stores, collect our garbage, health care workers, and those who keep us safe. **These are our neighbours and friends.** Thank you for all that you do!

I'm from West Bay. I'm thankful for the **West Bay Clinic**, the **nurses**, and the **doctors**, for the help they have been to me, and I appreciate and thank the **Cayman Government** for the help they have been to me and my family and friends. Thank you.

Just want to say thank you to the frontline workers. Thank you for all that you do, from the **Ebanks family**.

A big shout out to the frontline workers and volunteers from the **Moore family in Prospect Park**.

Shout out to all, ALL, frontline workers. You're doing a tremendous job: the **supermarkets**, **RCIPS**, **CBC**, the **CI hospitals**, including the **HSA**, **Health City**, **Doctors Hospital** and all the private doctors and nurses who are assisting us in any way. Shout out too to **all civil servants**, including all at the **General Registry**. You all are doing such a wonderful job in keeping the island going. And thank you to the **CI Government** for the work that they're doing in order to keep us safe — **lives come before livelihood**. God bless you and bless us all.

## Frontline Fridays

Share your stories and positive experiences every Friday at 1:30pm on Talk Today



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Call 1-800-534-8255 or 949-8037 during our live broadcast or send a **WhatsApp** voice note to 929-4727 for us to share.

## DEALING SAFELY WITH TAKEOUT FOOD



### Take away food

- Transfer food from packaging or containers to a clean plate without touching it with your hands
- Discard packaging and containers
- Wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds before eating
- Reheat food in microwave if necessary until food is steaming

