

NAU, WORC STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP ON THE FRONTLINE



Workforce Opportunities and Residency Cayman (WORC) and the Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) have temporarily teamed up to offer some of WORC’s services at NAU offices.

“This arrangement better assists Caymanians – including those whose employment has been negatively affected by the ongoing COVID-19 crisis – who are unable to access WORC’s JobsCayman online portal, or register themselves, for jobs across the Islands,” said WORC’s Acting Director Jeremy Scott.

WORC representatives’ final day at NAU is this Monday, 1 June. Since 29 April, they have been onsite twice weekly, to date helping more than 100 persons to register, and answering questions from all who showed up.

Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, the demographic of persons seeking assistance from NAU and WORC has changed drastically, said Joan West-Dacres, Deputy Chief Officer in the Ministry of Community Affairs, which oversees NAU.

“People who would have never presented for NAU or WORC services are now having to access services because they’re unemployed or underemployed for the first time,” she said. To help the NAU manage the increased caseload, 19 civil servants have been redeployed from their jobs to assist the NAU team.

“These hardworking civil servants are filling gaps wherever possible, from assisting with applications, completing eligibility

assessments, answering questions about approved services, and liaising with partner agencies for shared clients,” Ms West-Dacres said. “They also help to maintain social distancing onsite.”

Being on the frontline of Government’s support services has been both challenging and rewarding, she acknowledged.

“It is quite hard to see the number of persons affected by COVID-19 present each day. On the other hand, it has been truly rewarding to watch the civil service rise to the challenge during these unprecedented times,” Ms West-Dacres said.

“Despite the very long hours, the risk, and the concerns we each have had to face at work each day, it is an experience like no other; and we can even better understand the importance of the work we do and the people we serve.”

ACTIVATE MYHSA TO GET YOUR SCREENING RESULTS

If you’ve been screened for COVID-19, the Public Health Department is reminding you that you can easily get the test results by activating your MyHSA Patient Portal account. You will be registered for MyHSA if you are screened at the Health Services Authority or Health City Cayman Islands. To access the portal, all you need is a smartphone or any other internet-enabled device.





ROTARY PARTNERSHIP PUTS COVID SAFETY IN FULL VIEW

You may already have seen some of these posters with different COVID-19 safety messages on bus shelters around Grand Cayman.



How to activate your MyHSA portal:

1. You will receive an email from MyHSA.
2. Confirm your email address. (Click on the link in the email).
3. Verify your name and date of birth.
4. Answer the 'challenge question'. This is the last 4 digits of your phone number.
5. Create a username and password for your account.

Getting your results:

- All COVID-19 screening results will be posted to your MyHSA Patient Portal account.
- Access your account via the hsa.ky website or download the Healthlife app on Google Play or the App Store.
- If you do not receive an email invite from MyHSA after completing the screening, please check your spam folder.

If you already signed up for MyHSA Patient Portal you can simply log in to see your results.

Remember: the portal gives you secure access to your health information 24/7.

The messages are simple but vital, and they are now displayed in 22 prime bus shelter locations, thanks to a partnership between the Cayman Islands Government and Rotary Central.

Several businesses supported the project and the Government thanks Rotary Central and these firms for their generous sponsorship: Burger King, Café Del Sol, Cayman Turtle Centre, Engel and Völkers, Foster's, ITC Tile, KFC, Ocean Frontiers, and Thompson Quality Homes.

[Read the full story on gov.ky.](http://gov.ky)



VIRTUALLY RELAXING IN CAYMAN



In the first part of this series we looked at things to do around the world, like getting lost in space at the International Space Station and visiting a zoo.

Today we focus on two virtual activities right here in Cayman that you can enjoy when you have time to sit back and relax.

Thursday, 4 June, 12:30-1:30pm: Rotary Grand Cayman virtual meeting

Curious about Rotary? Now you can join their Zoom meeting! The group meets every Thursday to discuss projects and events that help Cayman, and also international initiatives. They typically have a key speaker on a topic of interest.

Please click the link 5 to 10 minutes prior to 12:30pm, using your computer, smartphone or tablet.

Meeting link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/592985918>

Meeting ID: 592 985 918

All day, every day! Cayman Reef Underwater Webcam highlights

Enjoy this colourful underwater video of Cayman's East End reef, which is teeming with marine life.

The solar-powered camera overlooks a boulder star coral, known as a "cleaning station," where larger fish come to be cleaned by small cleaner wrasse and shrimp. Keep an eye out for blue tangs, porcupine fish, spotted eagle rays, southern stingrays, nurse sharks, barracudas, and the occasional Caribbean reef shark!

<https://www.livebeaches.com/webcams/cayman-reef-underwater-webcam-highlights/>

As we've said before, many shifts can be long and stressful for frontline workers. So make time for yourself, and do things you enjoy!

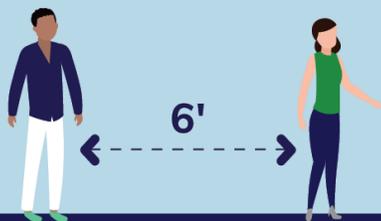


Coronavirus Tips to Keep Our Frontline Safe



Hand Washing & Respiratory Etiquette

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitiser if you don't have soap and water
- Cough/sneeze into a tissue, and immediately put the tissue in the trash
- If a tissue isn't available, cough/sneeze into your elbow (not your hands)



Social Distancing

- Stay 6 feet away from others, whenever possible
- Avoid crowds in your workplaces whenever possible
- Run errands only when absolutely necessary
- Have your supervisor confirm the number of persons allowed per vehicle



Testing

The **Public Health Department** is scheduling drive-through COVID-19 screenings for frontline workers at the **Cayman Islands Hospital, Doctors Hospital, and Health City Cayman Islands**

- Drive up to the screening area
- A healthcare professional will stop by your vehicle to confirm your appointment
- The entire screening process takes about 5 minutes
- You can return to work immediately
- Remember you must continue to maintain proper hand hygiene and social distancing



Wearing Masks

- Follow your workplace instructions on the type of mask required
- Masks or face coverings must cover your nose and mouth
- Reusable masks must be washed in hot water
- Trash disposable masks, and cleanse your hands afterward



Removing Gloves

- Using the wristband, pull off the first glove, turning it inside out. Then hold it in your other (still gloved) hand.
- Stick two fingers under the other glove's wristband and pull it off, turning it inside out, and over the first glove you're holding.
- Trash disposable masks and gloves, and wash your hands afterward

If you have flu symptoms or are concerned about your COVID-19 risk, call the **24-hour Flu Hotline** on **1-800-534-8600, 345-947-3077 or 345-925-6327**