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COVID-19 HEALTH PROTOCOLS IN PLACE AT PIARCO AND ANR ROBINSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

Contrary to reports in the media, the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago ("the Authority") wishes to advise that several health and safety protocols have been implemented at the Piarco and ANR Robinson International Airports, under the guidance and direction of the Ministry of Health, to protect travellers from the spread of COVID-19.

At our airport facilities, the Authority has installed several hand sanitization stations and social distancing markers and have implemented stringent cleaning and disinfection protocols.

Health screening of all travellers occurs at both airports. Highly sophisticated automated thermal scanners, monitored by Port Health Officers, are located at the entrances of all Departure Lounges and are suitably positioned to capture the temperature reading of each traveller. The thermal screening cameras may not be immediately observed by passengers at the security check points. Passengers are only alerted if temperature readings are above the sanctioned threshold.

Moreover, Public Service Announcements and prominent signage are features within the Terminal Buildings to remind airport users to observe social distancing, sanitise hands, wear masks and practise other Covid-19 prevention protocols. Floor markings are also there to provide guidance on social distancing in queues and general areas.

The Piarco and ANR Robinson International Airports have also recently received Airport Health Accreditation from Airport Council International (ACI). The ACI Accreditation programme provides airports with an official assessment of how aligned their health and safety protocols and procedures, introduced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, are in accordance with International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Council Aviation Restart Task Force (CART) recommendations.

The Authority continues to be attentive and diligent in the observance and adoption of international best practice as it relates to passenger safety at our airports. We also continue to be guided by the Ministry of Health in implementing measures to reduce the risks of the spread of the COVID-19.

The Authority wishes to reassure all passengers that their safety is our top priority and we are making every effort to ensure that our customers remain safe at our airport facilities.

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