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## Ministry of Health urges community to observe public health measures as **COVID-19** infections rise

The Ministry of Health warns of the increasing threat posed by COVID-19 following detection of 9 new cases, inclusive of 2 healthcare workers.

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This brings the total number of COVID-19 cases to 183 and

the Ministry is urging members of the public to respect and practice preventive measures.

The two healthcare workers are Seychellois frontline personnel who work in quarantine. They have been placed under isolation.

Being on the frontline in the fight against the pandemic, healthcare workers face great risk of infection from COVID-19. Since the initiation of the National Response Plan, the Ministry of Health has worked hard to prevent health worker infection and is reinforcing its efforts to reduce health worker infections. The Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Unit has trained more than 68% of health staff in IPC.

Of the newly recorded cases, 6 were already in quarantine and they tested positive during the routine testing at end of their quarantine period. They are 2 Seychellois, 3 Russians and 1 French.

Lastly, one is a German visitor who arrived on Saturday and was transferred into quarantine after testing positive during random tests at the airport.

While they all remain asymptomatic, they have been placed in isolation at the Isolation Treatment Centre and the Coastguard Quarantine and relevant contact tracing procedures initiated.

The Ministry of Health is advising members of the public to stay safe from COVID-19 and support the efforts of the National Response to the pandemic by following some simple precautions to break the chain of transmission:

• Wear your fabric face masks

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- Clean your hands regularly
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