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### Cabinet Brief

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The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, met in regular session on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

- Cabinet endorsed the National Digital Agenda for the period 2022 to 2025 called “Towards a Digital Belize.” This agenda seeks to build trust in government services by simplifying procedures, improving service delivery, and facilitating economic recovery through digitalization. Managed through the Ministry of Youth, Sports & E-Governance, the National Digital Agenda will result in a more open, efficient, and effective government, thereby representing the integration of ICT at all levels of society.
- Cabinet gave the approval for the Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing to work with the Attorney General’s Ministry to make amendments to the Belize Building Act to adequately monitor and regulate construction and construction activities within Belize as well as to amend Statutory Instrument No. 96 to adjust the schedule of fees and guidelines that govern payment to the Central Building Authority and on its Municipal Building Units.
- Cabinet was updated on the status of vaccinations and the number of vaccines available in Belize. Currently, there are more than 370,000 vaccines on hand. As of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 207,092 persons or 48.1 percent had received at least one dose of the vaccine and 186,418 or 43.3 percent have been fully vaccinated. Additionally, Cabinet approved the Taiwanese COVID-19 vaccine, Medigen, as an entry requirement for Taiwanese entering Belize.
- Cabinet approved recommendations from the Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations to make certain adjustments to the current COVID-19 public health measures to take effect 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. These measures will be published shortly by the Ministry of Health & Wellness.
- Finally, Cabinet continues to encourage booster shots for all health care workers, persons 60 years and older, and persons with comorbidities. The public is strongly urged to wear masks, maintain physical distance, wash hands regularly, and for those not fully vaccinated to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Vaccines save lives.

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