

THE DOMINICA FREEDOM PARTY (DFP) PRESS STATEMENT ON THE RECENT SPIKE IN COVID 19
INFECTIONS

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The Dominica Freedom Party (DFP) is very concerned about the recent spike in Covid 19 infections and apparent incidents of community transmission. We offer our prayers and best wishes to the individuals and communities affected and hope for their speedy recovery. Infectious diseases such as the coronavirus are tipping point phenomenon where things deteriorate rapidly once a critical threshold is hit. We should not allow that to happen. We encourage everyone to cooperate fully with the authorities to protect lives. Political or ideological wrangling should have no place in this matter. Those contacted via tracing should be cooperative, not confrontational. This is not a fight we have with each other. The fight is out there against this deadly disease. We must not stand opposite to each other arguing about vaccinations or trying to score political points over this pandemic. We should instead be standing shoulder to shoulder figuring our joint solutions to defeat this deadly enemy. One of the chief weapons against this deadly virus is vaccination. During this pandemic, countless people worked tirelessly to find an effective weapon against this disease – and they triumphed. Decades of use have shown vaccines to be safe, affordable, and very effective - a real marvel of human ingenuity. It would therefore be a tragedy for the science to triumph only to be derailed by bad information and unfounded fear. The Dominica Freedom Party was early in its public support for the rollout and cautioned that partisan politics should be left out and the administration of the vaccine be left to the health professionals. The DFP, therefore, continues to stand in solidarity with the scientific and medical communities who appeal to reason, data, and science in combating and defeating this ruinous disease.

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