

## **Media Release**

## 'Vaccinate to Operate'

## TTMA expands Vaccination Drive beyond the Business Sector

(22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021) - The Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association (TTMA) began another rounds of administration of  $1^{st}$  doses of Sinopharm vaccines to not only the business sector but also auxiliary sectors to manufacturing and general community.

President of the TTMA, Tricia Coosal stated, "We are pleased to extend our vaccination drive for 1<sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm to all supporting sectors of manufacturing and beyond. The manufacturing sector has synergies with other important sectors of society such as the farmers, government entities which support manufacturing for example the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards, Customs and Excise and the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited and other business organisations such as the San Juan Business Association. TTMA's vaccination drives will now include all stakeholders above.

TTMA is appreciative of the opportunity given once again by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Trade & Industry to continue public-private partnership with TTMA in mass vaccination site executions in an effort to fully vaccinate our nation. We thank the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Trade & Industry for their continued support in TTMA's mission of 'Safety for Success' as the economy continues to re-open."

Tricia Coosal also highlighted the rationale for extending the vaccination drives beyond the business community, "TTMA has taken note of the measured phased approach to re-opening, with the safety of the public being top priority. At present, the regulations allow for group activities of up to five persons, however in anticipation of an even further relaxation of restrictions in the near future, TTMA has also included the Trinidad and Tobago Football Association and several cricket clubs in our vaccination drives.

TTMA has also noted the Government's focus on vaccinations for the vulnerable, elderly and differently-abled in society. TTMA applauds this focus and as such we have extended our vaccination drive to include all of these persons in society."

To-date, TTMA has successfully administered approximately 3,900 additional 1<sup>st</sup> doses of Sinopharm at the Divali Nagar Site. This brings TTMA's total vaccines administered (both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses) to a total of over 26,000 approximately.

On behalf of TTMA Board of Directors we again say a special thanks to all our partners- T&T Medical Association, SEWA TT International and the National Council of Indian Culture for your contribution to TTMA's vaccination site at the Divali Nagar.

TTMA proudly continues to support 'Vaccinate to Operate' under the mantra 'Safety for Success'.

