

## Media Release

## TTMA Stands Ready to Continue Vaccination Drive for the Business Community 'Vaccinate to Operate'

(11th June, 2021) - The Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association (TTMA) continues to partner with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) to execute vaccination sites (1<sup>st</sup> dose only) for the business community. To date, TTMA has successfully conducted two (2) such vaccination drives at the Divali Nagar Site. A total of 4192 vaccinations were administered. 2697 on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June and 1495 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has sanctioned the administration of vaccines at all TTMA vaccination sites under the supervision of the President of the T&T Medical Association, Dr. Vishi Y. Beharry (B.Sc., M.B.B.S., Dip. Emergency Medicine). Dr.Beharry's dedication and commitment has resulted in TTMA's vaccination sites being the largest amount of daily vaccines administration under public-private partnership. This success has led to the execution of yet another vaccination drive which is scheduled for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Divali Nagar Site.

The TTMA fully supports all efforts by the MOH on the vaccination drive for the nation. TTMA's President Ms. Tricia Coosal stated, "TTMA remains guided and under the supervision of the Ministry of Health for all vaccination sites, this includes the quantities of vaccines allocated to each TTMA vaccination site for administration. We are cognisant of the recent surge in demand for vaccines by the public and appreciate the Ministry's continued confidence in TTMA to execute vaccination drives responsibly and successfully."

Ms. Coosal further emphasized, "The TTMA remains grateful to the Minster of Health, Terrence Devalsingh and Minister of Trade & Industry, Paula Gopee-Scoon for the continued trust placed in the TTMA to spearhead the vaccine drive for **'Vaccinate to Operate'**.

Ms. Coosal went on to state "We will utilize MOH's vaccine allocation to TTMA by our 3<sup>rd</sup> vaccination site execution come Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June. TTMA remains committed and stands ready to continue the execution of vaccination sites with our partners once vaccines are made available to us.

The TTMA wishes to once again thanks the tremendous support of our partners who volunteered and gave generously of their time from planning to execution - Dr. Vishi Beharry and the Doctors and Nurses of the T&T Medical Association, SEWA TT International led by President Revan Teelucksingh for management of site logistics and the National Council of Indian Culture (NCIC) for allowing TTMA the use of its site.

TTMA fully supports 'Vaccinate to Operate'.

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