

Caribbean Tourism Organization issues COVID-19 statement

The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) has announced that it is continuing to closely monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

“We continue to engage our member countries, as well as the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and our tourism partners, to inform travel-related health measures that are proportionate to the public health threat and based on local risk assessment,” the CTO said in a statement on COVID-19 published on March 12.

The CTO said: “While there continues to be a limited number of imported coronavirus cases and no cases of local transmission in the region, the health authorities across our membership are taking the necessary steps to limit the number of new cases and to curb the possible spread among our populations from the confirmed imported cases.

“The CTO would like to emphasize that the World Health Organization (WHO) has not called for any travel and trade restrictions as a result of the coronavirus. As a matter of fact, the WHO continues to advise against such restrictions. Local populations and visitors alike are assured that the Caribbean remains open for business.

“Consequently, we advise travelers to follow the health and travel advisories issued by the authorities and to take appropriate precautions.”