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Coronavirus Advisory & Airport Closures 16 April 2020

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (16 April 2020) The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA), which owns and operates the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) and the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA), continues to closely monitor the developments of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and any potential impacts to the Cayman Islands, its surrounding borders and operations of the Airports.

In an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus, the Cayman Islands Government announced on 16 March 2020 that all international flights to and from Owen Roberts International Airport and Charles Kirkconnell International Airport would be suspended, with the exception of domestic, cargo, courier and emergency medical flights, for a temporary period of three weeks starting at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, 22 March 2020 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, 12 April 2020.

On Tuesday, 7 April 2020, the Cayman Islands Government announced that the Cayman Islands' borders would remain closed for an additional seven weeks until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, 31 May 2020.



During this extended restriction period, domestic, cargo, courier and emergency medical flights will continue to operate, in addition to air bridges and repatriation flights that the Cayman Islands Government approves.

On Monday, 6 April 2020, the Cayman Islands Government established the first air bridge between the UK and the Cayman Islands with the arrival of a British Airways flight to Owen Roberts International Airport, carrying 58 Caymanians and residents, to bring in 1,700 testing kits and other vitally needed equipment and supplies. Extra precautions were taken to ensure everyone's safety as passengers arrived through the Airport terminal, and all arriving persons went directly into mandatory isolation in a place managed by the Government. The flight departed on Tuesday, 7 April 2020, on its return leg to London, via Nassau, Bahamas, carrying 131 people of varying nationalities.

For more information about the Coronavirus, please visit the Cayman Islands Government links below:

www.hsa.ky/coronavirus

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