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HEALTH PROTOCOLS - 44TH CHTA CARIBBEAN TRAVEL MARKETPLACE

A prompt and effective medical response will be provided throughout the 44th CHTA Caribbean Travel Marketplace scheduled to take place 12-15 May 2026, through coordination of the on-site medical staff and Sir Lester Bird Medical Center (SLBMC) staff, in support of conference delegates, staff, and volunteers.

Key Personnel and Contact Information:

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (ABEMS)

ABEMS Director: Mr. Shawn Greenidge

Telephone: (1268) 764-6004

ABEMS Team Leader: Mr. Morvin Fiedtkou

Telephone: (1268) 464-6303

ABEMS Operations/Logistics Officer: Ms. Vermalie Broodie

Telephone: (1268) 764-8306

On-site Medical Staff: Emergency Medical Technicians can be reached at (1268) 464-9017

ABEMS Email: emsantigua@gmail.com

Medical Personnel On-Site will consist of the ABEMS team and one medical doctor on conference days, to provide initial stabilization on-site, including expedient triage and urgent and critical care interventions as needed.

In the event of a medical emergency, immediately notify the ABEMS medical team leader or the venue ABEMS team at the contact number provided.

The ABEMS medical team leader will activate and dispatch the on-site medical team to the location of the incident. Coordination for transfer to the local hospital, Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre (SLBMC) will be executed, depending on the severity of the illness.

Off-site from the conference venue, persons can access medical services through the ABEMS at 911 or at the numbers previously outlined, and at Sir Lester Bird Medical Center (SLBMC).

In the Event of Direct Arrival at SLBMC, Michael's Mount, St John's, Antigua, contact

Key Personnel and Contact Information Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre

Step 1:

- Medical Director – Dr. Shivon Belle-Jarvis (484-2733 / 464-2710)
- Contact Emergency Department (24-hour service) at (1268)484-2754 / 484-2700 ext. 2170–2172)

Step 2:

- Day: Director of Nursing – Sister Jacqueline Jno-Baptiste (484-2722)
- Night: Nursing Office – Sister On-Call (484-2712)

VVIP/VIP/Delegates/Specially identified persons must enter SLBMC via the Ambulance Entrance

Identification and verification will be done via government-issued IDS and event registration forms.

Finance and Billing: Cash/credit/insurance options will be in place for visiting delegates.

All delegates are subject to standard payment procedures. Consider getting travel health insurance if your current medical insurance does not cover care in another country.

Travellers to Antigua and Barbuda are advised to address any health concerns they or their healthcare provider might have, ensure current medical conditions are well controlled, and that they have a sufficient supply of all regular medications to last the duration of their trip.

All participants to the conference are encouraged to stay hydrated and use sun protection, especially during outdoor activities.

If you think you require medical assistance, do not hesitate to ask for help.

Daily reports will be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kamaria De Castro

Contact information:

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Kamaria.decastro@ab.gov.ag

Vaccination Requirements

Delegates are encouraged to be up-to-date on routine vaccines, including MMR (measles-mumps-rubella), Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis), Hepatitis B, Influenza, Chickenpox, and Polio.

Yellow fever vaccination is required for travellers ≥ 1 year old who:

- Travel from yellow fever endemic countries, any country with active yellow fever transmission outbreak, or
- Visited such a country (in the past 72 hours), or
- Have airport transits or layovers of more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Food Safety and Vector Control

The Central Board of Health of the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment is committed to ensuring that all health and safety measures are in place for a successful and safe Caribbean Travel Marketplace 2025. Through rigorous food safety inspections and vector control measures, we aim to maintain the highest health standards for all attendees and participants.