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ENDS Pilot Expands to St. James & Kingston this Weekend

Following the commencement of the E-commerce National Delivery System (ENDS) pilot project in Portmore, St. Catherine last weekend, the Government will be extending it to Montego Bay, St. James and Kingston on Friday, April 2.

The pilot project in Portmore, St. Catherine will be extended to include grocery stores and pharmacies.

The web-based ENDS is designed to enable the quick-service industry to continue operating during the hours of the COVID-19 curfew by facilitating online delivery orders only. It is expected that the online registration portal, will facilitate full automation by Wednesday, April 7 and all businesses operating within pilot parishes will be able to apply for participation.

The Government reiterates that the delivery system is built on equity and transparency and all e-commerce, quick service operators and delivery services will be able to participate once they have met the requirements to participate. The registration of businesses and vendors is ongoing and customers may view the current listing of approved vendors on the portal's official website *ends.gov.jm*.

Meanwhile, Minister without portfolio in the Ministry of National Security, Senator the Hon. Matthew Samuda is reminding the public to adhere to the island wide curfew imposed under the Disaster Risk Management Act and announced by the Government. He cautioned that residents should not attempt to go out to businesses registered under ENDS but allow it to work as designed.

Minister Samuda further expressed thanks to the private sector and all government stakeholders involved in making the ENDS programme possible.

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