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**ENDS to go live as curfew hours draw near-Ends.gov.jm**

Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of National Security, Sen. Hon. Matthew Samuda is urging citizens in Portmore, St. Catherine to adhere to the island wide curfew imposed under the Disaster Risk Management Act and announced by the Government earlier this week.

The Minister cautioned that residents should not attempt to go out to businesses registered under the pilot E-commerce National Delivery System (ENDS) but allow it to work as designed.

The web-based ENDS system 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 an inclusive, equitable registration & directory portal for all industry operators to apply for the permission to operate, and for the public to be able to connect with these entities.

Registration of several businesses, fast food outlets, and vendors is ongoing for the programme, which is set for launch at 5:00 PM today.

Additionally, the website ***ends.gov.jm*** has the complete listing of registered participants. A select group of supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, bike couriers and taxi operators are also being registered under the service.

Minister Samuda said that people can expect to order food through the varying providers that are listed on the website.

He added that a conscious decision was taken not to broadly advertise the ENDS programme **“because we don’t want a response for which the system is not able to manage. The limited advertising is necessary so not to have people outside the targeted area causing a pile-up or overload of the system.”**

**“It is important that we all understand our roles as citizens if we are to get things right and in so doing, expand the programme in the comprehensive effort to get the spread of COVID under control,”** Minister Samuda stated.

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There are 12 active locations to include three (3) KFC stores – Breaton, Cumberland and Portmore Mall, Pizza Hut (Breaton), Devon House I-Scream (Scoops), Two (2) Domino Pizza outlets, Wendy’s (Breaton), Burger King (Portmore Mall & Greater Portmore, Popeye’s Portmore Pines, Little Caesar’s Pizza (Greater Portmore) and Subway (Breaton).