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## NEWS RELEASE

Due to the spike in Covid-19 cases within the past three weeks, the Government of Guyana regrets to inform the public of not being able to fully reopen the main Airport in Guyana (CJIA). The officials have decided to further extend the possible re-opening for the end of September after carefully assessing the situation and fully considering the health of Guyanese and the nation as top priority.

Meanwhile, the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) has made it clear that no Airline was granted approval for the conduct of any scheduled commercial operations. Contrary to reports from nationals resident in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, that Caribbean Airlines (CAL) is encouraging them to book for flights to Guyana in spite of not knowing precisely when the airports will be reopening. The office of the Guyana Consulate therefore urges all nationals not to make any reservations or bookings until the Government of Guyana issues a definitive reopening date.

The new regulations of the conduct of passengers while boarding or onboard flights bound for Guyana are still being observed. The wearing of the recommended standard masks (N95; NF95 and FFP2 , a negative PCR test dated seven days prior to travel and the Emergency Disease Screening Tool (EDST) form can be filled on board flight which must be presented on arrival.

Good news for Guyanese nationals stranded in St. Vincent and the Grenadines , the Government of Guyana has agreed to arrange the 'special repatriation' flights of about 100 of its nationals stranded in about 9 Caribbean countries - which can see nationals paying a much reduced rate per person to return home. These negotiations between the Government and about three airlines in St. Maarten and Turks & Caicos are expected to be completed in the next 2 weeks.

Please contact the Consulate for any further information.

Sincerely,

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Honorary Consul of Guyana to St. Vincent and the Grenadines