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First case of COVID-19 in Belize

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The Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI), having received the official news of the first COVID-19 case in country, asks all members of the public, especially in San Pedro to remain calm. Regardless of the details of the case, the likelihood of Belize remaining free of pandemic cases was almost nonexistent.

The answer for all of us, rather than to focus on victim recriminations, is to ensure that we redouble our efforts to take precautions against catching and/or spreading the disease. This includes both personal and shared discipline in:

- Maintaining hand washing protocols;
- Constantly cleaning contact surfaces;
- Keeping social distances of 6 feet apart;
- Not being out in public unless unavoidable.

The COVID-19 threat is a severe economic impact on our fragile economy, and if multiple cases begin to overwhelm our system, will add further impact. As such, it is our individual responsibility to be careful, for the sake of the entire country.

We are a resilient people, and working together as a society we can make it through this challenge.

Stay healthy, and together we will work to ensure our country's quick recovery.

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