The introduction and spread of COVID-19 and other new and emerging diseases in Caribbean (i.e. Norovirus, Chikungunya virus, Zika virus and Measles) exemplify the need for surveillance systems that capture all aspects of the population, both permanent and transient (visitors). There is thus a clear and critical necessity for Caribbean countries to expand their national surveillance systems to capture travel related/visitor/tourism illnesses; for more adequate disease detection, prevention and control, as part of their core public health obligation.

**Proactive Measures for the Tourism Sector to Build Confidence and Assurance Among Prospective Travellers**

**Tourism and Health Information System (THIS)**
- Web based application
- Syndromic surveillance
- Real time, early warning and alert system
- Monitored at facility, national and regional levels

**Regional Guidelines for Response**
- Based on IHR (2005)
- Synchronized, scientific response to issues of public health concern
- Adapted for cruise ships and stay over accommodations

**Hospitality HSE Standards**
- Improve health, safety and environmental quality in the hospitality sector
- Energy Management
- Food Safety
- Environmental Management
- Integrated Pest Management
- Sewage Treatment
- Solid Waste Management
- Water Treatment

**Advanced Food Safety**
- Certification and train the trainer course for health and hospitality stakeholders
- Globally recognized SERVSAFE food safety material

**Regional Policy**
- Mandates the reporting of tourism/visitor illnesses to national authorities
- Critical tool in the drive towards national and regional health security

**Partnerships**
- Wide network of regional and international partners
  - CHTA
  - CTO
  - UNWTO
  - PHE
  - PHAC
  - CDC-VSP

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