The introduction and spread of COVID-19 and other new and emerging diseases in the 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.

Tourism and Health Information System
- 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
  - PHA
  - PHAC
  - CDC-VSP

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