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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **GRENADIANS ENCOURAGED TO GUARD AGAINST COMPLACENCY AS ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES DECLINE**

**October 6, 2021** – Grenadians are being urged to guard against complacency as the country experiences a decline in the number of active COVID-19 cases.

Exceeding 5,000 active cases at one point, the country's total number of active cases is now under 700 and the number of new cases identified daily has been less than 100 for the past few days.

The positive trend in the statistics and the ongoing need to balance lives and livelihoods has led Government to make some adjustments to the COVID-19 Regulations.

However, Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Dr. the Right Honourable Keith Mitchell, is encouraging the population not to allow complacency to undermine the gains made.

In his address to the nation on Tuesday, Dr. Mitchell said, "The reduction in active cases should motivate us to become even more cognizant of the protocols, ensuring that we safeguard ourselves and our loved ones, as we seek a return to some sense of normalcy."

Acknowledging that the past few weeks could be recorded as one of the darkest periods in the country's history, Dr. Mitchell expressed confidence in the resilience of Grenadians.

He said, "The crisis is far from over, but there is certainly a rainbow peeking through the stormy cloud of sickness, death, unemployment, business closures and every other impact this pandemic has wrought on our country. The road to recovery will be long and steep, maybe with some undulating periods where we may seem to regress, but ultimately, sisters and brothers, we will get through this."

Looking optimistically to the future, the Prime Minister also reiterated the need for collaboration in the fight against COVID-19. He said, "These unprecedented times require equally extraordinary fortitude. For individuals and organisations alike, it is not a period for the faint of heart, but we have persevered thus far and I must reiterate the need for us to continue working collaboratively, in the interest of our people and our country. It is imperative that we join hands regardless of political, religious or other affiliation."