



**Statement from Hedonism II Resort regarding the article “Hotel Cluster” in the Press
on August 11, 2021**

The article in the newspaper today is incorrect and misleading. The figure quoted in the headline is not accurate and grossly overstates the situation. Our positive test rates are well below national average.

As with other resorts in Negril and indeed other businesses throughout Jamaica, we work daily with the new normal of persons contracting the virus.

For several months we had zero positive cases and it was a very small outbreak among guests that prompted us to request the Ministry of Health to screen our staff.

Over the past two (2) weeks, more than 1,300 guests were tested on a complimentary basis. Within the same period over 200 staff members were tested. The overall positivity rate is less than 2%, it is nowhere near the number quoted in the newspaper, this number is wildly exaggerated.

Out of respect for our team members we will not discuss staff circumstances, and the resort will continue to work with all affected employees to provide practical support to both the employee and their families.

We continue to encourage our staff to take advantage of the vaccination opportunities provided by the Ministry of Health. It is in our best interest that anyone affected by illness is given the time and support from the resort to fully recover.

The covid pandemic affects all Jamaicans, and we will work together with all our partners to do the right thing for our team and our guests.

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