The Grantley Adams International Airport - Airport Operations and Fighting Communicable Diseases

Objectives:- Prevention of unnecessary delays through operations that are

- Safe and Secure
- Efficient
- Orderly
- Expeditious
• Bringing together of organizations involved in responding effectively to serious public health risk without there being *uncertainty, confusion and a lack of sense of urgency.*

• **Avoidance of panic!!**

• Training (Inclusive of Awareness Training)

• Drills
Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHIEC) – an extraordinary event which is determined:

to constitute a public health risk to other States through the international spread of disease (and) to potentially require a coordinated international response.
• Formulation of Standard Operating Procedures
• Provision of Port Health Office and facilities
• Provision of a Quarantine Facility
• Establishment of an Emergency Ambulance Centre
• Sensitization Workshops
• Training
• Drills
The Standard Operating Procedures for Health Events at GAIA provides a basic framework for the response to communicable diseases occurring at the Airport and its connecting destinations. Its purpose is to reduce the potential transmission of public health events on board aircraft, at the airport and to prepare follow-up actions with airport operators, public health authorities.
Review of Procedures

- Information to the Air Traffic Control
- Information to the Airport Operator
- Information to the Health Authorities – General / Health Declaration?
- Effective Assessment by Health Personnel
- Effective and Timely Response - Adequacy of Response Equipment
• Assessment by flight crew
• General Assessment by Public Health Nurses/Officers
• Risk Assessment
• Use of Passenger Quarantine Unit for Assessment /Holding Facility
• Aircraft Holding Area
• Use of Emergency Ambulance Service
• Transportation
• Sanitizing
From March 2007 Grantley Adams International Airport Inc. contracted a private ambulance provider to provide emergency ambulance service within an Ambulance Service Area at the Airport. Operates from an Airport Emergency Ambulance Centre located on the landside of the Airport Terminal Building. Not a Medical Facility or a Medical Clinic!
The Ambulance Centre is manned by a Nurse and/or Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

The Service responds to emergencies in the Ambulance Service Area (ASA). The contracted private ambulance provider is required to provide an ambulance to enable this service.