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## Press Release

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## **Department of Education Services (DES) Dispels Rumours of Any Coronavirus Cases in Government Schools**

The Department of Education Services (DES) assures the public that there are currently no suspected cases of COVID-19 Coronavirus at the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC). Further, Government schools remain open and fully operational despite false information that is currently being circulated in the community.

“All schools have received Coronavirus Response Procedures as a precautionary measure and will adhere to these procedures to ensure the well-being of students and staff. We are committed to keeping parents, guardians and the wider public well-informed of any developments as they arise. As educators, we are also child-care practitioners, therefore we take this matter very seriously as our priority is always what is best for our students, including their health and safety. We also urge members of the public to desist from spreading unsubstantiated information that will only incite fear and panic among the general population. We must all strive to act responsibly while we remain vigilant and proactive as concerned citizens,” commented DES Acting Director Tammy Hopkins.

CIFEC Director, Delores Thompson also today gave her assurance that her institution is well aware of the required protocol.

“Rest assured that students and parents would have been informed if any member of CIFEC staff was being isolated, quarantined or tested for Coronavirus,” Ms. Thompson said. “The safety of staff and students is of utmost importance to us, and should the current situation change we will update everyone.”

For a reliable and trusted source of all updates concerning our schools, members of the public are encouraged to visit [www.gov.ky](http://www.gov.ky) for all official updates.

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