



Premier of Bermuda

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To all Public Officers,

I want to reassure you that the Government is taking the threat and impact of COVID-19 seriously – and that the health and safety of all Public Officers is never taken for granted.

We all have an important role to play during this global pandemic and the Public Service is our first line of defense to ensure Bermuda continues to function as normally as possible during these uncertain times.

Many Public Officers are working from home. Others are standing by awaiting instructions on how they can assist.

All of us as Public Officers have a duty to the people of Bermuda. With that comes great responsibility. I am eternally grateful to those in essential services who are on the frontline. And today I am seeking the support of all public officers to make themselves available as required. Now is the time for us to rise to the occasion. We must step forward. We must move beyond the barriers of our jobs and our offices and truly deliver for Bermuda. We must make every effort to ensure those who need the services provided by Government can receive them.

I challenge each and every Public Officer to respond favorably when called upon to assist during this period of uncertainty.

To be clear: there are many tasks to be attended to. Some in essential and critical services and others in your traditional roles. Some Public Officers will be asked to fill roles which may not be traditional, but are required to keep Bermuda safe during this global pandemic. Our country needs you now more than ever.

I truly appreciate all the effort by everyone who is helping to make a difference. We will get through this together.

Please follow the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health to ensure that you and your families do what is necessary to stay healthy and limit the community spread of COVID-19.

For facts and the latest information on COVID-19 developments in Bermuda, please visit: www.gov.bm/coronavirus.

As I have said, we are stronger when we stand together. Right now is the time for us to work together, to work differently, to shape the public service and a Bermuda we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

The Hon. David Burt, JP, MP

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