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Ministry of Health & Wellness Clarifies Reports of Purported Hustle

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The Ministry of Health & Wellness hereby clarifies misleading information reported through several media outlets on a purported “hustle” of fees for COVID-19 tests done at the land borders.

Only unvaccinated persons who do not submit a negative COVID-19 test are required to submit a test before entering the country. A cashier is present from Monday to Friday to collect the fee charged and provide an official stamped government receipt at the completion of the transaction. On weekends or on any public and bank holidays when no cashier is present, a temporary handwritten receipt is provided and persons are asked to return on the following workday to be issued a government receipt to replace the temporary receipt.

Regular reconciling and auditing of all test kits and receipts are done by respective regional finance officers countrywide. The ministry encourages the public to request a copy of their government receipt when conducting any government business.

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