Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms
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From: Secretary for Public Service

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

Leave for self-isolation

In accordance with the COVID-19 Self-isolation guidelines issued on 20 August 2021 by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, any Public Officer who is tested COVID-19 positive or has been in direct contact with a COVID-19 positive person is required to self-isolate as advised by a Government Medical and Health Officer.

2. In this connection, Government has decided that:
   (i) Any leave for self-isolation be reckoned against the unutilized sick and casual/vacation/annual leave entitlement;
   (ii) For employees who are not entitled to any leave or have exhausted their leave entitlement, they be granted an advance leave to be refunded over a period of three (3) years; and
   (iii) any period of hospitalisation relating to COVID-19 be treated in the same manner as in (i) and (ii) above.

3. The effective date of the foregoing decisions is 20 August, 2021.

4. Supervising Officers are hereby requested to comply with the above decision and communicate the content of this circular to Local Authorities, Parastatal Bodies and State-Owned Enterprises falling under the purview of their Ministries.


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