



PRESS RELEASE

AFJ Completes AstraZeneca Second Doses in Hanover

New York, NY July 7, 2021- After a successful first dose of vaccinations, the AFJ returned to Hanover to distribute second doses of AstraZeneca on July 6th. This completes COVID-19 immunization for a large number of the population in the parish. After being inoculated with the second dose at the site, each person received a food package containing staple items and other groceries. Food packages remaining were presented to the elderly and shut-ins in surrounding communities. Across the two blitz sites, the AFJ administered over 1,200 vaccines. It was the largest source of vaccines in the area.

The vaccination site included tents designated for registration, waiting, vaccination, counseling and recovery, which were installed on the large football field. Walk-ins were welcome for anyone due their second dose. The turn-out included the elderly, hotel workers, essential groups and other residents. Community members were seated socially distanced and were offered drinking water during the seamless approximately 60 minute wait.

The vaccination project is a collaborative initiative with the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) and the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) with support from Round Hill Villas, Caribbean Producers Jamaica Ltd. (CPJ) and Sanmera. Food packages contained Kendel products. We thank our original donor and donors who continue to support the AFJ COVID-19 Fund.

A GoFundMe campaign was organized to raise funds for a wider vaccine distribution when supply is available (<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/afj-covid-19-vaccine-fund>). The goal is to support the national interest to protect the people of Jamaica.

About the AFJ

The AFJ is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit built on the principles of service and philanthropy. For nearly 40 years, the organization has been rendering assistance in the areas of Education, Healthcare, and Economic Development. The AFJ Grant Cycle begins at the end of each year and grants are disbursed in April of the following year. For information on how to support our mission for Jamaica, email info@theafj.org or visit www.theafj.org.

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