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## PRESS RELEASE

## Notice - Precautionary Measures to Slow the Transmission of COVID-19

The Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) advises its clients, stakeholders, and the general public that effective Monday, August 17, 2020, its offices will not be open to the public. This is being done as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our staff and valued clients. Nonetheless, the work of the SIB will carry on, with staff working from home until further notice.

In keeping with social distancing requirements, data collection exercises such as the Labour Force Survey will be carried out primarily through telephone interviews. Face-to-face interviews are temporarily suspended until it is deemed safe to resume such activities.

As per our calendar of releases, key economic indicators will continue to be produced and published on our website, and our quarterly press conference will be conducted virtually through the SIB's Facebook page. Data requests from the public will also continue to be received and processed online. We can be reached during normal working hours at any of the following:

Telephone: 822-2207, 822-2352 (for general information)

605-5990 (for information about the Labour Force Survey)

Email: info@mail.sib.org.bz

Website: http://sib.org.bz/contact-us/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/belizestatistics/

The SIB assures our data users and stakeholders that we remain committed to providing the nation with accurate, reliable, timely, and quality information on the state of our country. We encourage our staff and the general public to keep up to date with information from reliable sources and to implement all protective and precautionary measures recommended.