



## **Media Advisory**

**WHO: UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND**

**WHAT: LAUNCH OF 28 COMMUNITY WI-FI HOTSPOTS ISLAND-WIDE**

**WHERE: Island-wide**

**DATE: Starting December 1, 2021**

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**Overview:** The Universal Service Fund- an agency of the Ministry of Science, Energy, and Technology- is working to establish 189 community Wi-Fi hotspots in 63 constituencies across Jamaica by March 2022. Twenty-eight (28) of the amount have been completed to date and their launch will begin on **December 1, 2021.**

The launches of the hotspots will be done by constituencies within the parishes and will involve two sessions daily. The morning sessions begin **at 10:00 am while the evening sessions begin at 3:00 pm.**

Community Wi-Fi hotspots are central locations within communities where citizens can access free internet. The establishment of the hotspots are in alignment with the USF's thrust to bridge the information gap by providing internet access for all Jamaicans.

Given the conditions brought on by the Coronavirus pandemic, where more Jamaicans are required to work and learn from home, these hotspots have never been more critical, which is why the Minister of Science, Energy, and Technology, Hon. Daryl Vaz, has charged in USF with this ambitious goal.

Please see the accompanying attachment with a schedule of launches for the month of December.

Your coverage of the events is invited.

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