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WESTERN REGIONAL FAMILY COURTS RESUME OPERATIONS

Kingston– November 30, 2025 – The Judiciary of Jamaica is pleased to announce the resumption of operations across the Western Regional Family Courts covering St James, Hanover and Westmoreland.

Speaking on the significance of the reopening, Mrs. Kadiesh Jarrett Fletcher, Director of Client Services, Communications and Information, emphasized the vital role of the Family Courts in supporting our families. She said, “This is truly good news for the people of Western Jamaica. The reopening of our Family Courts ensures that families and the most vulnerable among us, who depend on the justice system, can access timely, compassionate and effective service. We remain committed to restoring full operations and strengthening the support systems that protect our communities.”

The Family Court in St James and Hanover are now fully operational, while the Family Court in Westmoreland will resume operations on December 3, 2025. The Westmoreland Family Court will resume court sittings from the Whithorn Outstation of the Westmoreland Parish Court, two days per week on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Collecting Officer has been stationed at the Westmoreland Parish Court, to facilitate payments and processing for Collecting Officer’s matters. Payments will be accepted each day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

The Judiciary encourages members of the public to attend to their matters as scheduled and to remain attentive to official updates. As restoration efforts continue across various locations, the Judiciary remains committed to delivering fair, accessible, and professional service to all Jamaicans.

For further information, you may contact the Director for Client Services, Communications, & Information Division at the Court Administration Division.