

This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories. The most effective way to prevent infections and save lives is breaking the chains of transmission. To do that, you must test and isolate.

The World Health Organization (WHO) continues to recommend that people who are contacts of laboratory-confirmed cases, be quarantined for 14 days from the last time they were exposed to a COVID-19 patient. This is because people infected with COVID-19 can still infect others **after** they stop feeling sick, WHO has recommended that people infected with COVID-19 isolate themselves for 2 weeks **after** they stop feeling sick.

There is currently no strong data to suggest that people living with HIV (PLHIV) are at a higher risk of acquiring SARS-CoV-2 or developing more severe COVID-19 if they do acquire it, especially if their immune system is not compromised, although people with underlying conditions and a weaker immune system may be most vulnerable to COVID-19 infection.

Updates

Global

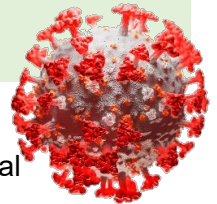
375,498 confirmed cases, **16,362** deaths in **195** countries, areas or territories.

PAHO - Region of the Americas

52,697 confirmed cases, **670** deaths in **47** countries, areas or territories

Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories

**BE AWARE.
PREPARE.
ACT.**



Today, Barbados recorded one (1) more case and Dominica its 2nd case. Borders are closed in *Anguilla, British Virgin Islands* and *Saint Lucia*. St Kitts & Nevis will be closed from commercial flights from 11.59 pm on March 25th and will re-open on April 7th.

Country	Confirmed	Deaths	Status	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency
Anguilla	0	0	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Antigua & Barbuda	3	0	Imported cases only	Yes	-	-	-
Barbados	18	0	Imported cases / 1 local transmission	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
British Virgin Islands	0	0	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dominica	2	0	Imported cases only	-	-	-	-
French Guiana	20	0	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	1	0	Imported cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guadeloupe	62	0	-	-	-	-	-
Martinique	53	0	Imported cases only	-	-	-	-
Montserrat	1	0	Imported cases only	Yes	-	Yes	-
Saint Lucia	3	0	Imported cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
St Kitts & Nevis	0	0	-	-	Yes	-	-
St Vincent & the Grenadines	1	0	Imported cases only	-	-	-	-
Total	164	0					

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories. 'Imported cases only' indicates locations where all cases have been acquired outside the location of reporting.

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PAHO's Response

- Provide countries with COVID-19 test kits and train laboratory staff
- Conduct COVID-19 briefing sessions for partners and stakeholders
- Deploy teams to assist with Infection Prevention Control (IPC), Health Systems Organization, Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- Train countries in Risk Communication and Clinical Management
- Provide communications materials including posters and banners
- Conduct needs assessment and country gap analysis with national authorities
- Provide countries with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits



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