

COVID-19 Situation Update - 25

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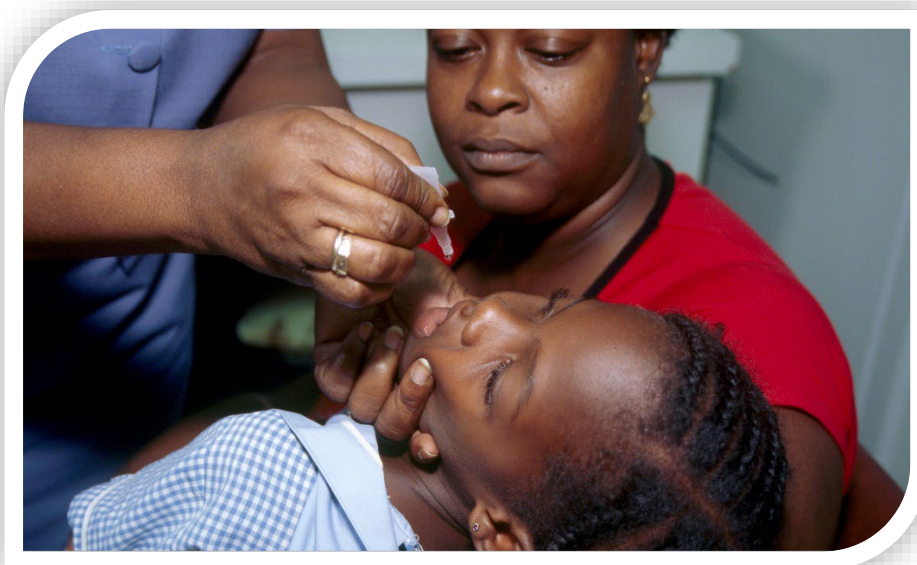
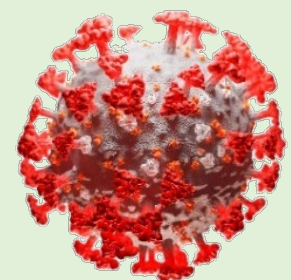
This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

- As the [World Immunization Week](#) (24-30 April) approaches, WHO continues to support countries to maintain essential immunization for all vaccine preventable diseases. Guidance was issued on [immunization services during the COVID-19 pandemic](#), which provides guiding principles and considerations to support countries, in their decision-making regarding provision of immunization services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is working to ensure that once it is safe to do so, countries can be supported to rapidly restart polio vaccination campaigns. The [Measles & Rubella Initiative](#) supports the need to protect communities and health workers from COVID-19 through a pause of mass campaigns, where risks of the disease are high.

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Updates

Global

2,434,250 confirmed cases,
170,953 deaths *in*
212 countries, areas or territories

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925,302 confirmed cases,
50,542 deaths *in*
54 countries, areas or territories

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

Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	No of Tests	Transmission Type	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	17	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (12 May 2020)	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	23	2	73	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes (24 April 2020)	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	75	5	1,098	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (3 May 2020)	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	5	1	90	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (25 April 2020)	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	16	0	324	Cluster cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (11 May 2020)	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	97	0	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	
Grenada	14	0	116	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (20 April 2020)	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	148	11	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	163	12	-	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (15 April 2020)	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	11	0	57	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	- (20 April 2020)	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	6	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	15	0	306	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	37	2						-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	15	0	243	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (16 April 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	12	0	88	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	-	-	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	639	33							

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories. 'Sporadic cases only' indicates countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected. 'Cluster of cases' indicates countries/territories/areas experiencing cases clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures.

Data in red new.

Disclaimer: Data is updated by 5:00PM each day and there could be delays in reporting. Any discrepancies from national data figures will be edited on the next issue.



On Tuesday, 21 April 2020, the PAHO/WHO Office in Barbados presented Barbados with equipment to support its response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The donation, presented by Dr Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative to Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries to Lt Col Honourable Jeffery Bostic, *Minister of Health and Wellness*, included 782 personal protective equipment (PPE) kits (gowns, gloves, goggles, shoe covers, coveralls, medical masks, N95 masks) for health care workers and COVID-19 test kits of primers, probes and controls capable of performing 11,000 *polymerase chain reaction* (PCR) tests for the Best Dos Santos Laboratory. Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kenneth George, also attended the presentation ceremony.

Dr Gebre said that *“We are encouraged by what has taken place in this country. The people of Barbados have been resilient and very active participants in reducing the impact of COVID-19, with decisive leadership at the highest level”*. He assured that PAHO would continue to provide technical, administrative and financial support to the Ministry of Health and people of Barbados, to make sure lives are saved, health care workers protected and reduction of the societal impact.

On behalf of the Prime Minister of Barbados, Lt Col Hon Bostic, thanked the Director of PAHO and staff for the donation. He said the *“we have reached where we are because we are not alone, we have been receiving assistance from the Pan American Health Organization all the way”*. The minister said it was not just about the technical and administrative support, but that the government has been following PAHO/WHO protocols established to deal with events like COVID-19. He said that by following the protocols, they have been doing the right things at the right time.

On 18 March 2020, PAHO made a similar [donation](#) of PPE to the Barbados Defense Force.