

COVID-19 Situation Update - 26

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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.

Currently, there is insufficient evidence for or against the use of any type of mask among healthy people in public settings. As new information and evidence about mask and non-medical mask emerges, WHO will update existing guidance. WHO continues to gather data and review new studies to find additional ways to protect people from COVID-19.

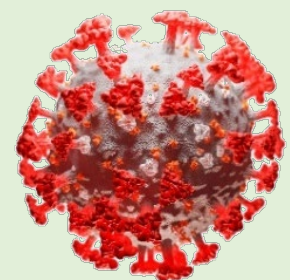
WHO advises national policy makers to apply a risk-based approach to their decisions about mask use that includes:

- **Purpose** of mask use (protecting the wearer against infection or preventing the wearer transmitting infection to others);
- Risk of **exposure** to the COVID-19 due to epidemiology/number of cases in the population or occupation of individuals;
- **Vulnerability** of the mask wearer/population;
- **Setting** in which the population lives in terms of population density and ability for COVID-19 to rapidly spread;
- **Feasibility**: availability and costs of masks, and ability of mask wearers to tolerate adverse effects of wearing a mask;
- **Type** of mask: medical mask versus non-medical mask (prioritization of medical masks for health care providers, symptomatic people and their caregivers).

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Updates

Global

2,507,876 confirmed cases,
178,109 deaths *in*
212 countries, areas or territories

PAHO - Region of the Americas

957,402 confirmed cases,
53,733 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	24	3	73	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes (24 April 2020)	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	76	6	1,162	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	1	-	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	12	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	164	14	-	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 (31 May 2020)	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	13	0	88	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	-	-	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	644	39							

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.



PAHO Director calls to accelerate and expand testing for COVID-19 in the Americas

Washington, DC, April 21, 2020 (PAHO)— The Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Carissa F. Etienne, called for accelerated and expanded testing for COVID-19 in countries of the Americas. “We need a clearer view of where the virus is circulating and how many people have been infected in order to guide our actions,” she said.

Speaking at a virtual press briefing, Dr. Etienne said, “*The pandemic continues to impact our region, and it’s vital for all countries to actively embrace preventive measures, while preparing for more cases, hospitalizations and deaths.*”

The PAHO Director said that countries have been prepared to test and detect cases of COVID-19 since before the pandemic was declared. Since February, PAHO had trained and equipped laboratories for PCR testing in more than 30 countries. But as cases have increased, countries have found it increasingly difficult to keep up, she noted.

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