

COVID-19 Situation Update - 27

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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.

When will a COVID-19 Vaccine be available?

Vaccine development is a lengthy and expensive process which normally takes more than years. Developing a vaccine more rapidly as a response to the COVID-19 outbreak requires a different approach and has been estimated to take around 12 to 18 months. This includes:

- A rapid start of development by using novel platforms like mRNA and DNA, that use synthetic processes that are faster than traditional platforms that recreate the virus.
- Vaccine development steps that are executed in parallel, e.g. initial trials in humans (phase 1 clinical trials) may proceed in parallel with animal studies

To proceed rapidly beyond efficacy trials in humans (phase 2 trials), large scale manufacturing of vaccines starts earlier in the vaccine development process than in the traditional process.

COVID-19 candidate Vaccines as of 11 April

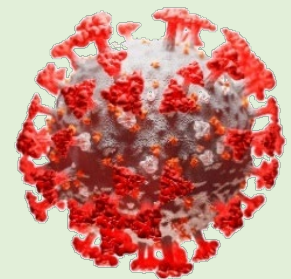
- 3 candidate vaccines in clinical evaluation
- 67 other vaccine in pre-clinical development phase
- Vaccine development process being fast-tracked
- A commercially-available vaccine is not likely to be available for at least 12-18 months

However, subject to authorization by the appropriate regulatory agencies, vaccines might be ready for emergency use in priority populations, like health workers, by the end of the year.

BE AWARE.

PREPARE.

ACT.



Updates

Global

2,587,754 confirmed cases,
184,766 deaths *in*
212 countries, areas or territories

PAHO - Region of the Americas

995,524 confirmed cases,
56,753 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	15	0	139	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	38	2	-					-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	15	0	260	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	646	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.



It takes Teamwork!

PAHO has a long-standing working relationship with the Barbados Defence Force (BDF) and the Regional Security System (RSS), especially in response to public health emergencies. It is no surprise that with the COVID-19 pandemic, both entities are once again collaborating with PAHO.

The BDF and RSS have been instrumental in facilitating distribution of critical COVID-19 related supplies and equipment, procured by PAHO, and destined to its Member States in the region. The logistics for this process is coordinated through the Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unit at the PAHO Barbados Office.

[Read more about this collaboration...](#)