

# COVID-19 Situation Update - 31

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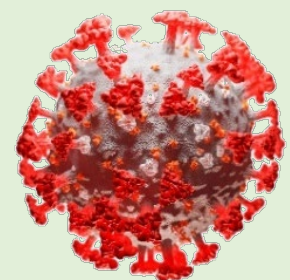
This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

- The emergence of a new virus means that **understanding transmission patterns, severity, clinical features and risk factors for infection will be limited at the start of an outbreak. To address these unknowns**, WHO has provided **Four [Early Investigation Protocols](#)** (rebranded the **WHO Unity Studies**).
- These protocols are designed to rapidly and systematically collect and share data in a format that facilitates aggregation, tabulation and analysis across different settings globally. One additional study to evaluate environmental contamination of COVID-19 is also provided.
- Data collected using these investigation protocols will be critical to refine recommendations for case definitions and surveillance, characterize key epidemiological features of COVID-19, help understand spread, severity, spectrum of disease, and impact on the community and to inform guidance for application of countermeasures such as case isolation and contact tracing.

**BE AWARE.**

**PREPARE.**

**ACT.**



## Updates

### Global

**3,136,174** confirmed cases,  
**228,414** deaths *in*  
**212** countries, areas or territories

### PAHO - Region of the Americas

**1,291,919** confirmed cases,  
**75,873** deaths *in*  
**54** countries, areas or territories

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

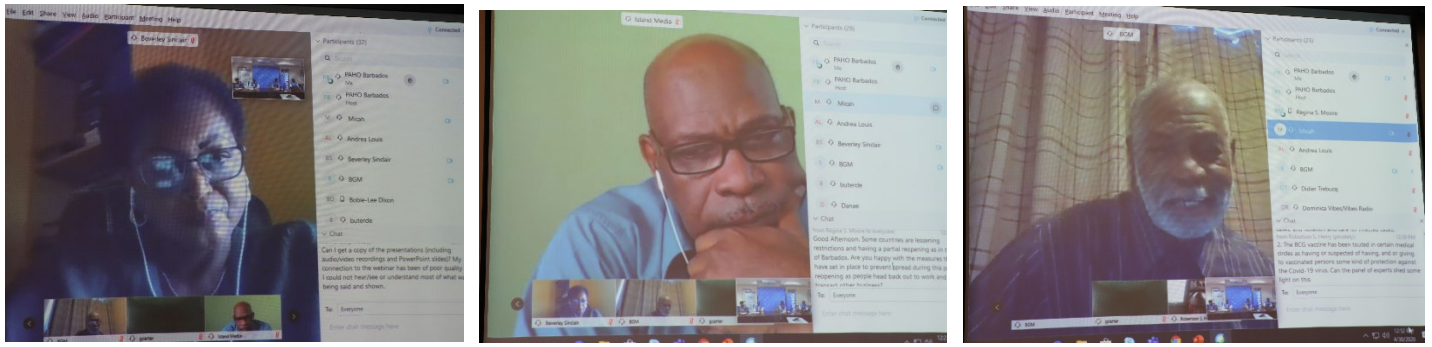
Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	No of Tests	Transmission Type	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	18	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	<a href="https://beatcovid19.ai/">https://beatcovid19.ai/</a> (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	24	3	73	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (14 May 2020)	<a href="https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42">https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42</a> (268) 462-6843
Barbados	81	7	2,160	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (3 May 2020)	<a href="https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/">https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/</a> (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	6	1	109	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (4 May 2020)	<a href="https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19">https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19</a> (284) 852-7650
Dominica	16	0	386	Cluster cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (11 May 2020)	<a href="http://dominica.gov.dm/corona">http://dominica.gov.dm/corona</a> (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	126	1	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	
Grenada	20	0	206	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (5 May 2020)	<a href="https://covid19.gov.gd/">https://covid19.gov.gd/</a> (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	149	13	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	<a href="https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/</a>
Martinique	178	14	-	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (15 April 2020)	<a href="https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/</a>
Montserrat	11	1	57	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	- (20 April 2020)	<a href="http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/">http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/</a>
Saint Barthélemy	6	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	17	0	490	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (31 May 2020)	<a href="https://www.covid19response.lc/">https://www.covid19response.lc/</a>
Saint Martin	38	3						-	<a href="https://www.stmartinweek.fr/">https://www.stmartinweek.fr/</a>
St Kitts & Nevis	15	0	293	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (9 May 2020)	<a href="https://www.covid19.gov.kn/">https://www.covid19.gov.kn/</a>
St Vincent & the Grenadines	16	0	116	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	-	-	<a href="http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c">http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c</a> (784) 534-4325
<b>Total</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>43</b>							

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.

## Media in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries briefed on COVID-19



On 30 April 2020, the Incident Management Team at the PAHO Office in Barbados briefed media from Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries on COVID-19. This virtual meeting engaged approximate 36 participants from media organizations in the region, they were advised on the situation from a global perspective and specific to the Eastern Caribbean. The presentation provided an overview of:

- The epidemiological situation
- Testing conducted to date in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean
- Contact tracing
- PAHO's support to Surveillance and Contact Tracing
- Health Systems Organization
- Protection of Health Care Workers
- Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- The Integrated Regional Logistics Mechanism – coordinating distribution of supplies and equipment in the region
- Resources mobilized to date

After the presentation, some questions\queries posed by participants included:

- Lessening of restrictions and partial reopening of some countries.
- Clarity was sought on difference between an epicenter and area of community spread
- Format used to declare no COVID-19 community spread
- Coordinated and/or effective response planned by PAHO and the Eastern Caribbean Countries in testing, quarantine of suspected cases, isolation and care for infected cases.
- The BCG vaccine and its use to vaccinate against COVID-19
- Transfusion of plasma from recovered persons to those with COVID-19, query on results and outcomes observed.