



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.

Use of Mask

WHO published updated interim guidance on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19 on 6 April 2020. This was revised on 5 June 2020 in light of new evidence and the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Key messages:

1. WHO has updated its guidance on the use of masks to incorporate new research findings and to provide more practical advice to decision makers.
2. The main changes relate to the use of masks by health workers, and specifics on using non-medical masks for the general public in areas of “community transmission” – i.e. where there is widespread transmission of COVID-19.
3. Masks are part of a comprehensive package of measures to suppress transmission and save lives: the use of a mask alone is insufficient to provide an adequate level of protection.

The new guidance: [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak)

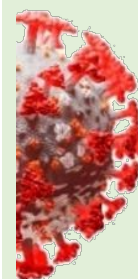
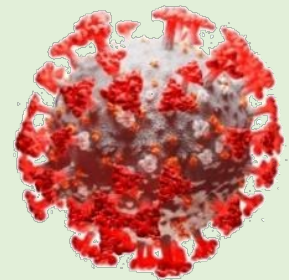
COVID-19 case update: In Eastern Caribbean Countries only St. Lucia has recorded one imported case. French Guiana and Martinique have additional cases also reported. (please see table below)

- Anguilla - no new cases for 64 days
- Virgin Islands (UK) - no new cases for 20 days
- Antigua and Barbuda - no new cases for 5 days
- Barbados - no new cases for 14 days
- Dominica - no new cases for 58 days
- Grenada - no new cases for 11 days
- Monserrat - no case for 54 days
- Saint Kitts and Nevis - no new cases for 49 days
- Saint Lucia - last case diagnosed on 04 June 2020
- Saint Vincent and Grenadines - no new cases for 6 day

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Global

6,742,809 confirmed cases,

396,029 deaths *in*

215 countries, areas or territories

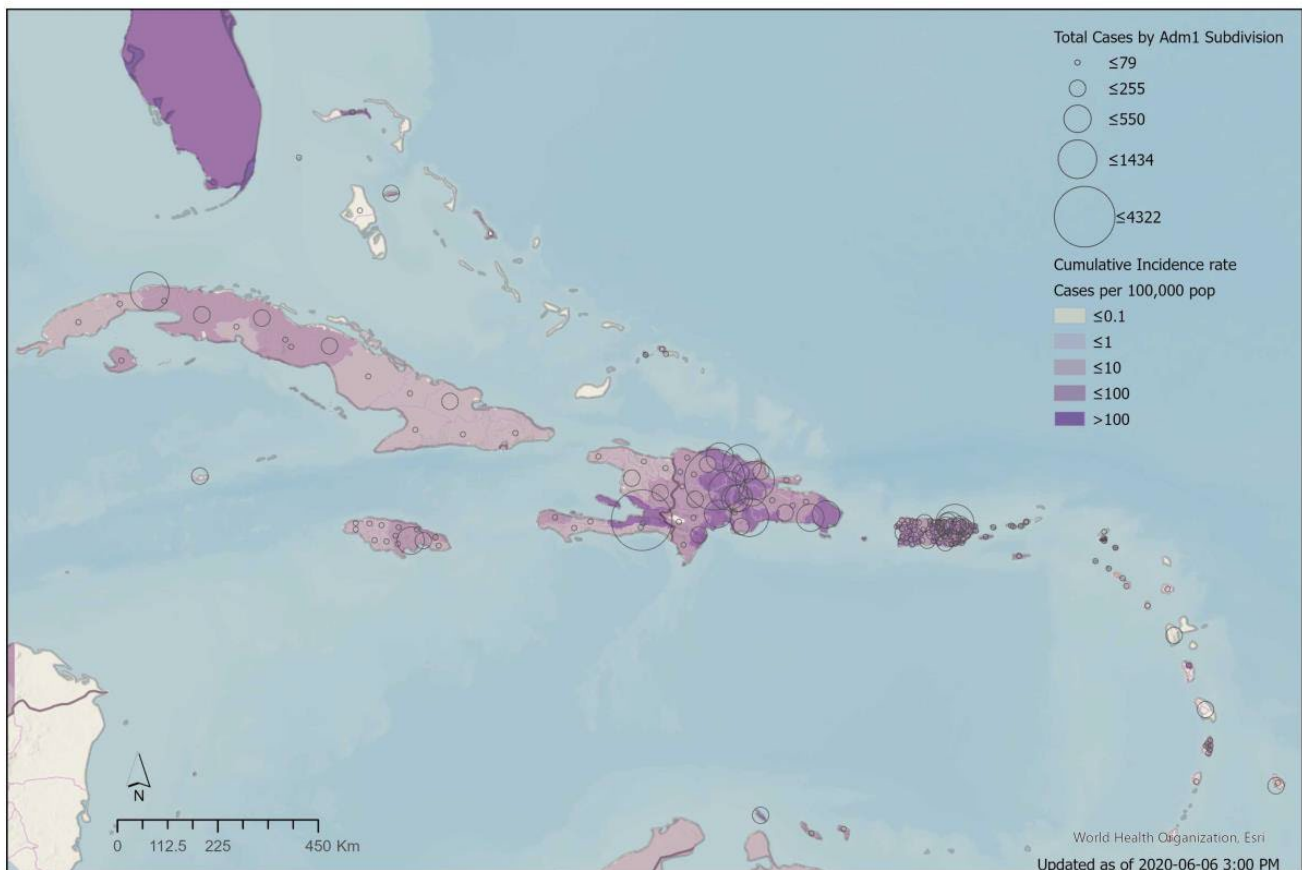
PAHO - Region of the Americas

3,234,875 confirmed cases,

179,394 deaths *in*

54 countries, areas or territories

- 118,526 new confirmed cases from 144 countries/territories/areas. **Brazil, United States of America, India, Russian Federation, Chile, Peru, Pakistan, Mexico, Iran (Islamic Republic of), and South Africa**, are the 10 countries reporting the highest number of cases.
- **In the Region of the Americas**, an additional 79,505 cases and 3,227 deaths were reported in the past 24 hours, representing a 3% relative increase in cases and a 2% relative increase in deaths, compared to the previous day.
- **Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 6 June 2020.**



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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 / Physical Distance	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	54	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	25	3	149	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes 12 June 2020	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	92	7	5,812	Clusters of cases	Yes Partial Open -8 June 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes (30 June 2020)	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	8	1	157	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	16	0	433	Clusters cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	639	1	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	
Grenada	23	0	523	Clusters of case	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	164	14	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	https://www.quadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	202	14	-	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	11	1	61	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	- (1 July 2020)	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	6	0	-	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	19	0	965	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	40	3		Sporadic cases only				-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	15	0	403	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (13 th June 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	18	0	472	Sporadic cases only	Yes Partial Closure	Yes	-	-	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	1281	44							

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. 'Clusters 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.

World Food Safety Day

Food Safety and COVID-19

7 June 2020 mark the second annual celebration of World Food Safety Day - ([WFSD](#)) and the occasion was observed by the hosting of a press conference on 5 June 2020. World Food Safety Day is commemorated to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne hazards and improve food security.

The joint press conference was held in Bridgetown, Barbados, by the PAHO/WHO and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The Director of the Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Veterinary Public Health (PANAFTOSA), Dr. Ottorino Cosivi, told regional media “we celebrate World Food Safety Day to remind us that Food Safety is everyone’s business.”

Dr. Cosivi explained that “PANAFTOSA, in close coordination with other international organizations such as FAO, OIE, IICA, OIRSA, is working with both the Ministry of Health and Ministries of Agriculture, particularly their Veterinary Services and other key partners in strengthening food safety programmes.”

Sub-regional coordinator of the FAO, Dr. Renata Clark, lamented there are “600 million sick annually and 420,000 deaths annually - and this is only a partial count as data on food borne illness are weak and the impact of only a few of the most common disease agents were considered.”

Dr. Clarke called for assurances that people involved in the production of food “are following good food hygiene practices” and challenged governments to provide “appropriate oversight to guide the definition of those ‘good practices’, to facilitate compliance and to enforce as necessary.”

Dr. Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean Countries, spoke to the issue of food safety in the context of COVID-19. Dr. Gebre stated emphatically: “Presently, there is no evidence that the virus responsible for the current COVID-19 pandemic is carried by domestic food-producing animals, such as chickens, ducks, other poultry, pigs, cattle, camels, horses, sheep, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs or fish.”

The PAHO/WHO Representative reminded that “proper cleaning and the prevention of cross-contamination are critical in the control of foodborne illnesses.”

He said: “The application of sound principles of environmental sanitation, personal hygiene and established food safety practices will reduce the likelihood that harmful pathogens will threaten the safety of the food supply, regardless of whether the food is sourced from intensive agriculture.”



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