## COVID-19 Situation Update - 60





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.

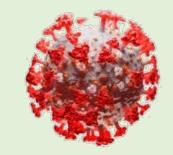
# **About airborne transmission of COVID-19**

- WHO has recently updated its <u>scientific brief on transmission</u>, which summarizes all we know about this topic and highlights areas where more research is needed.
- Airborne or aerosol transmission is one of the modes of transmission, and we have been concerned about this since the beginning, particularly in healthcare settings. When aerosol generating procedures are performed in health care settings, airborne transmission can happen. We recommend airborne precautions in these settings.
- Outside of healthcare settings, some outbreak reports suggest the
  possibility of airborne transmission in indoor crowded spaces with poor
  ventilation. WHO calls for more systematic research of these kind of
  settings/outbreaks so we can have more definitive answers, and is
  activating the R&D Blueprint to accelerate research in this area.
- For the general public, WHO recommends a comprehensive package of interventions to prevent transmission of COVID-19. This includes physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, use of fabric masks where physical distancing is not possible, as well as good ventilation in closed settings.

#### BE AWARE.

PREPARE.

ACT.

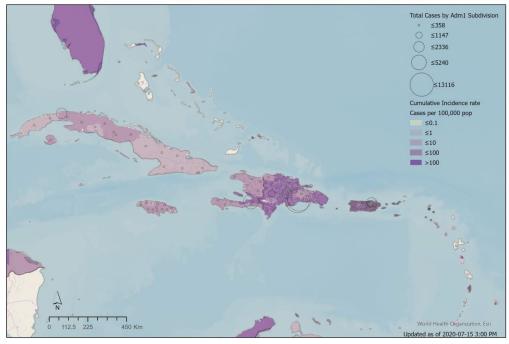


#### **COVID-19 case update:**

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 102 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 13 July 2020
Barbados	last case on 15 July 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	no new cases for 62 days
Dominica	no new cases for 45 days
Grenada	no new cases for 51 days
Montserrat	last case on 09 July 2020
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 10 July 2020
Saint Lucia	last case on 14 July 2020
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	last case on 12 July 2020



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 15 July 2020.







## **Updates**

Global	PAHO - Region of the Americas
<b>13,283,345</b> confirmed cases,	<b>7,016,851</b> confirmed cases,
<b>578,091</b> deaths <i>in</i>	<b>294,301</b> deaths <i>in</i>
216 countries, areas, or territories	<b>54</b> countries, areas, or territories

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

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Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	No of Tests	Transmission Type	Status of Schools	Travel Restrictions	Masks Mandatory	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	392	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	74	3	866	Clusters of cases	-	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	104	7	9,091	Clusters of cases	Varied stages of reopening	Yes	Yes	No	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	8	1	622	Sporadic cases only	Partial opening	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	18	0	855	Clusters cases only	Schools closed	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	6,299	33	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	23	0	961	Clusters of case	Schools closed except Form 5	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	190	14	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	255	15	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	12	1	130	No cases	-	Yes	No	No	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the- coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	6	0	-	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	23	0	2,082	Sporadic cases only	-	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	44	3		Sporadic cases only	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	17	0	651	No cases	Schools closed	Yes	Yes	Yes (27 July 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	35	0	1,213	Sporadic cases only	Partial closure	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	7.111	77	16.863						

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.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR BARBADOS AND THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES						
Country / Territory	Entry Requirement / Testing / Prior Up on Arrival	Entry Requirements / Quarantine Days	Entry Requirement / Fee For Testing / Quarantine			
ANGUILLA (borders open only for returning nationals/residents, and crew of aircraft and ship)	<ul> <li>Pre-travel registration</li> <li>Ports closed to regional and international traffic until 14 July 2020</li> </ul>	Mandatory 14-day quarantine	Release from quarantine conditional to a negative test for COVID-19			
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	<ul> <li>Face mask on disembarkation</li> <li>Negative RT-PCR test within 7 days of travel</li> <li>Health declaration form</li> <li>Health and temperature screening upon arrival</li> </ul>	Quarantine up to 14 days at home, hotel, or a government facility	No cost for testing upon arrival and no cost for quarantine at Government facilities			
BARBADOS	<ul> <li>Face mask while at the airport</li> <li>Negative RT-PCR test prior to arrival</li> <li>Health screening upon arrival</li> <li>Entry denial if no evidence of a negative RT-PCR upon arrival and refusal to be tested</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Quarantine for contacts of a positive case</li> <li>Citizens, permanent residents, and those with a permanent status will also be quarantined if no evidence of a negative RT-PCR result and refusal to be tested.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Testing upon arrival if no evidence of a negative RT-PCR test.</li> <li>No cost for testing and for accommodation while waiting for the results unless the test is done at a hotel (US\$150)</li> <li>Second test after 7 days for passengers from high risk areas (USA, Brazil, other parts of Latin America, and Eastern Europe)</li> </ul>			
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	<ul> <li>Pre-Travel online application form</li> <li>Inspection of residences to ascertain suitability for home quarantine</li> <li>Mandatory wearing of mask at airport</li> <li>Health Screening on arrival</li> </ul>	Mandatory 14-day quarantine	Release from quarantine conditional on a negative COVID-19 test			
DOMINICA	<ul> <li>Pre-arrival online health questionnaire</li> <li>Paper-based form/kiosk system at arrival if unable to complete the online form</li> <li>Negative RT-PCR result upon arrival</li> </ul>	Quarantine for 10 days or until 2 negative RT-PCR results if asymptomatic but positive IgM antibody test and RT-PCR positive	<ul> <li>Rapid testing at cost (not specified)         upon arrival if no proof of on-line         payment</li> <li>Screening by RT-PCR if fever or         positive IgM test without fever</li> </ul>			

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	<ul> <li>For CARICOM nationals a negative/non-reactive IgG antibody test or proof of stay in the homeland for the last 14 days is sufficient to meet entry requirements</li> <li>Health and temperature screening upon arrival</li> </ul>					
* * * GRENADA	<ul> <li>Certified copy of a negative COVID-19         PCR Test within 7 days – if travel from a         medium or a high-risk country</li> <li>Pre-travel Health Declaration Form</li> <li>Travel insurance for non-nationals or         agreement to cover the cost for         treatment and isolation</li> <li>Pre-travel downloading of the contact         tracing app</li> <li>Face mask or face covering is required</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For travelers from low and medium risk countries 14-day quarantine at a state approved quarantine facility if positive PCR test</li> <li>For travelers from high risk countries those testing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PCR test is required if the traveler from a low or medium risk country tests positive on the rapid test on arrival. Results expected within 24h to 48h.</li> <li>All persons travelling from high risk countries will be tested via PCR on arrival.</li> </ul>			
MONTSERRAT (borders open only for returning nationals/residents, and crew of aircraft and ship)	<ul> <li>Pre-travel online "Access Declaration Form" within 3 days of travel</li> <li>Mandatory mask wearing at the airport</li> <li>Health screening including travel history and address / place of residence in the past 14 days</li> </ul>	Quarantine for 14 days for all retuning nationals / residents and for the crew members	Testing is not mentioned in the protocol			
SAINT KITTS & NEVIS (borders open only for returning nationals / residents)	<ul> <li>Online health questionnaire</li> <li>Face Mask on disembarkation</li> <li>Health Declaration Form to be filled out</li> <li>Health and temperature screening</li> <li>Compulsory filling out of the section on the immigration form on travel history</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>14-day quarantine in a Government facility</li> <li>PCR test conducted at least 48-72 hours prior to leaving quarantine</li> <li>Immediate Isolation of a positive PCR test</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>US\$150.00 for the PCR test</li> <li>US\$500.00 for the 14 day stay in the Government facility (Not inclusive of meals or laundry access)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Pre-arrival online registration</li> <li>Negative RT-PCR test within 7 days of travel except if travel from the Travel Bubble including OECS, Barbados,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pre-arrival online registration</li> <li>Negative RT-PCR test within 7 days of travel except if travel from the Travel Bubble including OECS,</li> </ul>	Testing upon arrival at the traveler's cost if no evidence of a negative RT-PCR test result			

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SAINT LUCIA	Jamaica, Guyana, Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, Curacao, UKOTs and French Departments in the Americas  Health and temperature screening	Barbados, Jamaica, Guyana, Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, Curacao, UKOTs and French Departments in the Americas  Health and temperature screening				
SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	<ul> <li>Pre-travel online application form</li> <li>Health form, health, and temperature screening upon arrival</li> <li>RT-PCR test upon arrival depending on the country where the traveler stayed in the past 14 days (country of origin) except travelers from the Caribbean Bubble (OECS, UKOTS, Barbados, Jamaica, T&amp;T, Guyana) or evidence of a negative Antibody test (within 5 days) or a negative Antigen test or RT-PCR test (within 2 days).</li> <li>If the test done upon arrival is positive, the traveler will be transferred to an isolation facility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>24-h court-ordered quarantine while waiting for the PCR test results.</li> <li>No quarantine for persons with documented negative test result upon arrival but 14-day self-monitoring of temperature and disease symptoms</li> </ul>	Testing by rapid test and RT-PCR if no evidence of a negative test result at arrival			

Disclaimer: \*The above travel requirements are compiled based on available press releases, social media postings and government officials' statements. For up to date information please contact respective governments official websites.

### **PAHO's Response**



The Office for Barbados & the Eastern Caribbean Countries present

**COVID-19:** 

### **Resuming International Travel in the Caribbean**

This webinar is for the health, tourism, immigration, and other relevant sectors for sharing experiences and providing technical guidance. The expected outcome - Build common understanding on decision-making process for resuming non-essential travel during COVID-19.

#### 17 July 2020, 11:00am

#### **Invited Speakers:**

Country experiences and lessons learnt - Reopening of Borders



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Minister of Health, Wellness and
the Environment



Hon. Kerrie Symmonds
Minister of Tourism and
International Transport



Lt. Col. the Hon Jeffrey Bostic Minister of Health and Wellness Barbados



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