



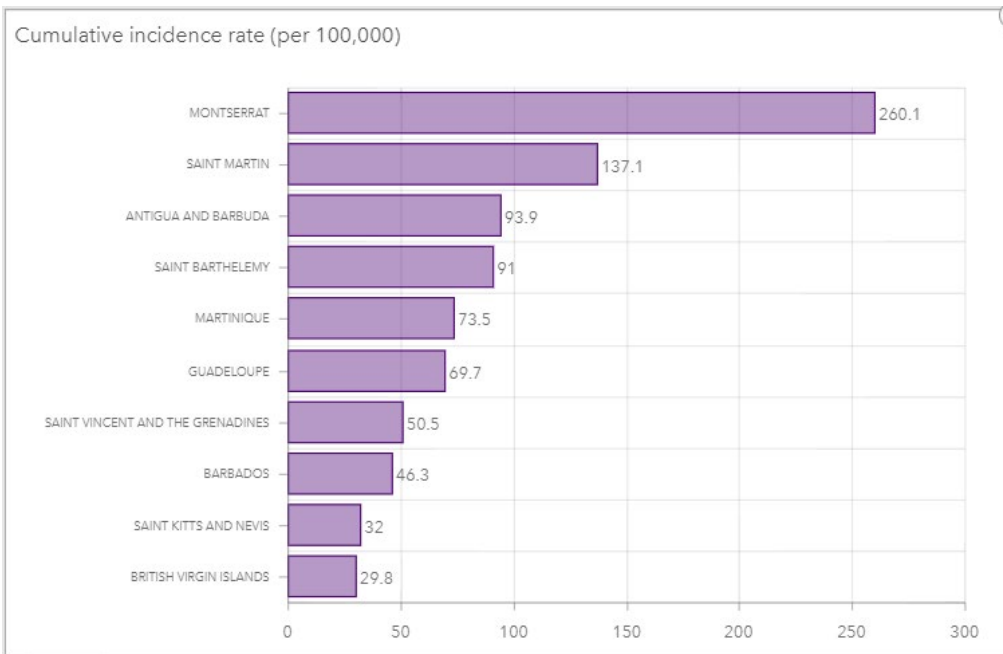
Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries

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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.

COVID-19 in Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories

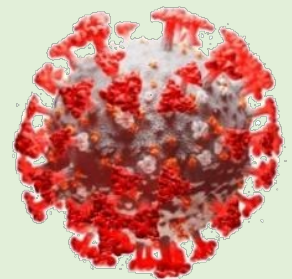
Distribution of Cases and Deaths in Time & Space (Excluding French Guiana)



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COVID-19 case update:

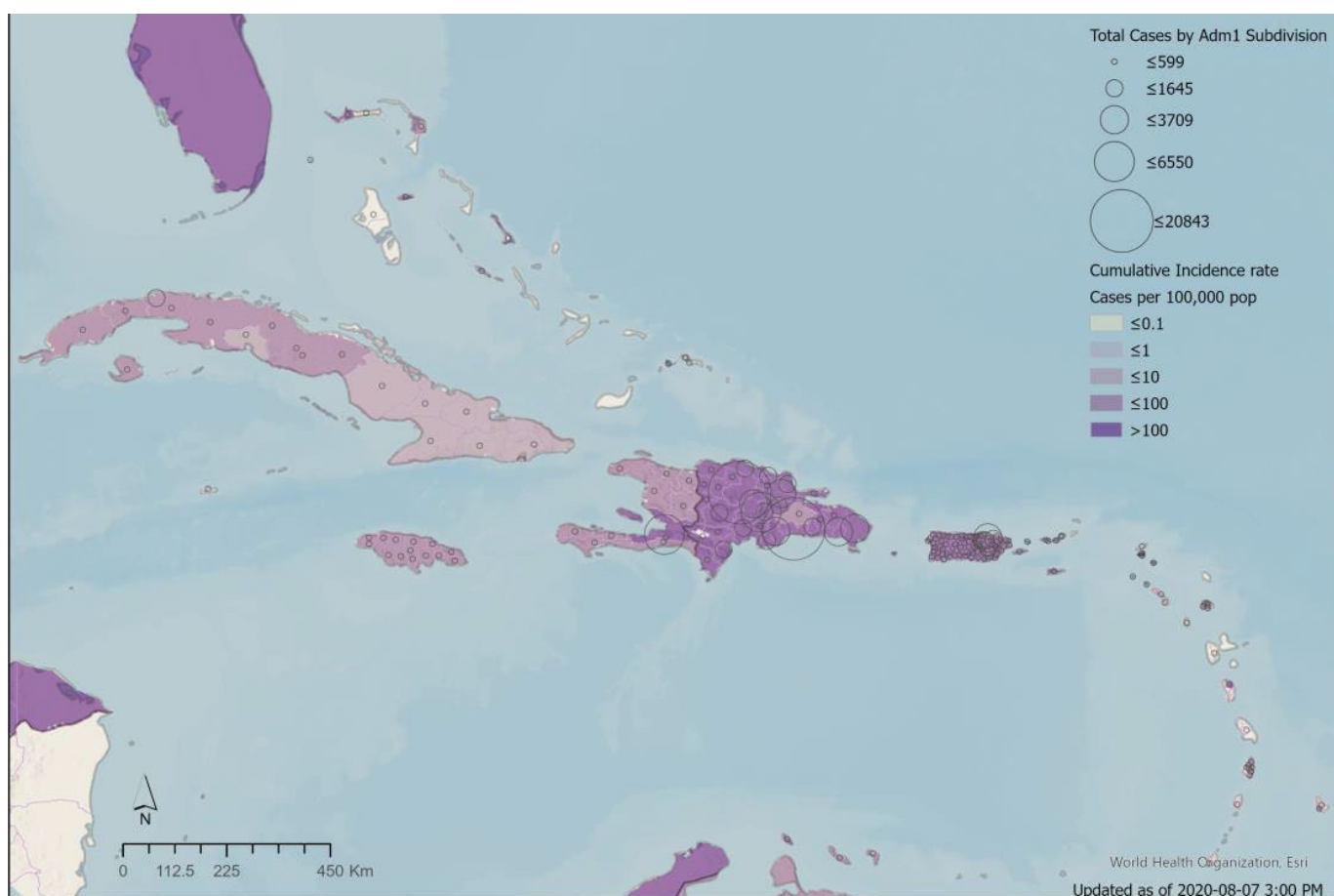
COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 125 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 02 August 2020
Barbados	last case on 07 August 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	no new cases for 8 days
Dominica	no new cases for 68 days
Grenada	no new cases for 9 days
Montserrat	no new cases for 7 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	no new cases for 28 days
Saint Lucia	no new cases for 4 days
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	no new cases for 2 days



Updates

Global	PAHO - Region of the Americas
19,057,116 confirmed cases, 713,799 deaths <i>in</i> 216 countries, areas, or territories	10,290,444 confirmed cases, 380,894 deaths <i>in</i> 54 countries, areas, or territories

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 7 August 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	Status of Schools	Travel Restrictions	Masks Mandatory	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	537	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	92	3	1,382	Clusters of cases	-	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	138	7	12,570	Clusters of cases	Varied stages of reopening	Yes	Yes	No	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	9	1	1,523	Sporadic cases only	Partial opening	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	18	0	1,353	Clusters cases only	Schools closed	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	8,204	47	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	24	0	1,252	Clusters of case	Partial reopening of schools	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	279	14	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	276	15	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	13	1	202	No cases	Partial reopening of schools	Yes	No	No	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	9	0	-	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	25	0	3,895	Sporadic cases only	-	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	53	3		Sporadic cases only	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	17	0	1,146	No cases	Schools closed	Yes	Yes	Yes (27 July 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	56	0	2,448	Sporadic cases only	Partial reopening of schools	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	9,216	91	26,308						

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.

Scaling up Testing Webinar met objectives



Caribbean nations are making efforts to strengthen COVID-19 testing as countries reopen their borders to regional and extra-regional travel.

The PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries therefore hosted a webinar to discuss Scaling up COVID-19 Testing in the Eastern Caribbean and United Kingdom Overseas Territories (UKOTs) on Thursday, 30 July 2020.

The purpose of the webinar was to provide guidance on the recommended methods for COVID-19 diagnosis; share country experiences and lessons learned on COVID-19 testing; and discuss opportunities and challenges for maintaining adequate COVID-19 testing capacity.

By the end of the session, several outcomes were achieved. New PAHO guidelines for COVID-19 testing were clarified; issues and challenges affecting effective in-country laboratory testing were identified; and the use of technology to supplement existing surveillance tools was explained.

The presenters included Dr. Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, who in welcoming participants, observed that *“the substantial gaps in immunity to COVID-19 globally will result in continued and substantial waves of disease through at least end-2021.”*

Dr. Gebre explained that “early, targeted testing helps to isolate cases, manage patients and prevent spread”, adding that testing can save lives by averting 1 death for every 1000 tests.”

Dr. Lionel Gresh, PAHO/WHO Virologist from Washington DC, provided PAHO/WHO guidance on laboratory testing for COVID-19 and advice on procurement of reagents and laboratory supplies. The role of antigen detection and testing for patients who are isolated were among the topics Dr. Gresh discussed.

He also recommended that “*symptomatic patients should be discharged from isolation 10 days after symptom onset, plus at least three additional days without symptoms*”; *while asymptomatic patients should be discharged “10 days after positive the test.”*

Regional perspectives were shared by Ms. Songee Beckles, Director of Best dos Santos Public Health Laboratory, Barbados; Dr. Lester Simon, Laboratory Director, Mount St. John’s Medical Center, Antigua and Barbuda; and Dr. Ahmed Shalauddin, National Epidemiologist, Dominica.

The country representatives spoke of political commitment, partnerships within the countries as well as with regional and international institutions, and cooperation in such instances as when there are shortages of laboratory supplies. They also recounted similar challenges – instances of limited availability of reagents and testing kits.



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