

COVID-19 Situation Update - 73

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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.

Latest update on Covid-19 vaccine development

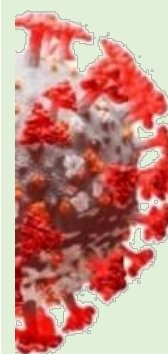
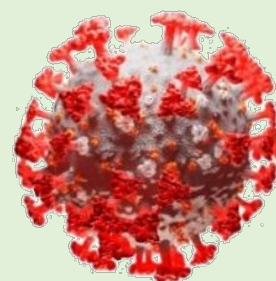


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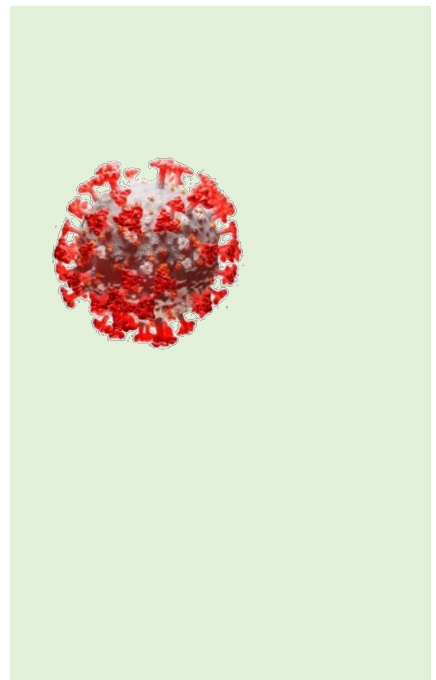
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- Currently, **over [165 candidate vaccines](#)** are at some stage of development. Of these, about **26 vaccine candidates are in human trial**. At **least 3-4 going into phase III**. AstraZeneca, Moderna and CanSino are in or starting Phase III
- **[COVAX Facility](#)**, the vaccines pillar of the **[ACT-Accelerator](#)**, convened by CEPI, Gavi and WHO, is speeding up the search for an effective vaccine for all countries. At the same time, it is supporting the building of manufacturing capabilities, and buying supply ahead of time so that 2 billion doses can be equitably distributed by the end of 2021.
- Seventy-five countries submitted expressions of interest in the COVAX Facility, joining another 90 countries that could be supported by the COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC). The COVAX Facility is a mechanism designed to guarantee rapid, fair and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines worldwide. [Read more](#).
- Along with accelerating research and ensuring manufacturing capacity, WHO is also working with countries to develop **regulatory capacity**, as well as supportive **policies and delivery channels**. These will be essential to get a successful vaccine out to people.
- The speed of vaccine development has been extraordinary. Work on developing vaccines began as soon as Chinese scientists publishing the sequence on 11 January. First phase 1 trial started 8-10 weeks after that. WHO has been involved in R&D efforts since January
- WHO maintains a [draft landscape of candidate vaccines](#). There are also [target product profiles](#) for COVID-19 vaccines, developed through a consultation with global experts.
- WHO is setting up Solidarity vaccine trials to test candidate vaccines across the globe.



COVID-19 case update:

On the 21st August 2020, Barbados recorded a new COVID-19 case bringing the total cases to 157. The British Virgin Islands and Dominica each recorded 1 new case on 20 August 2020. Anguilla has reported no new cases for 139 days.

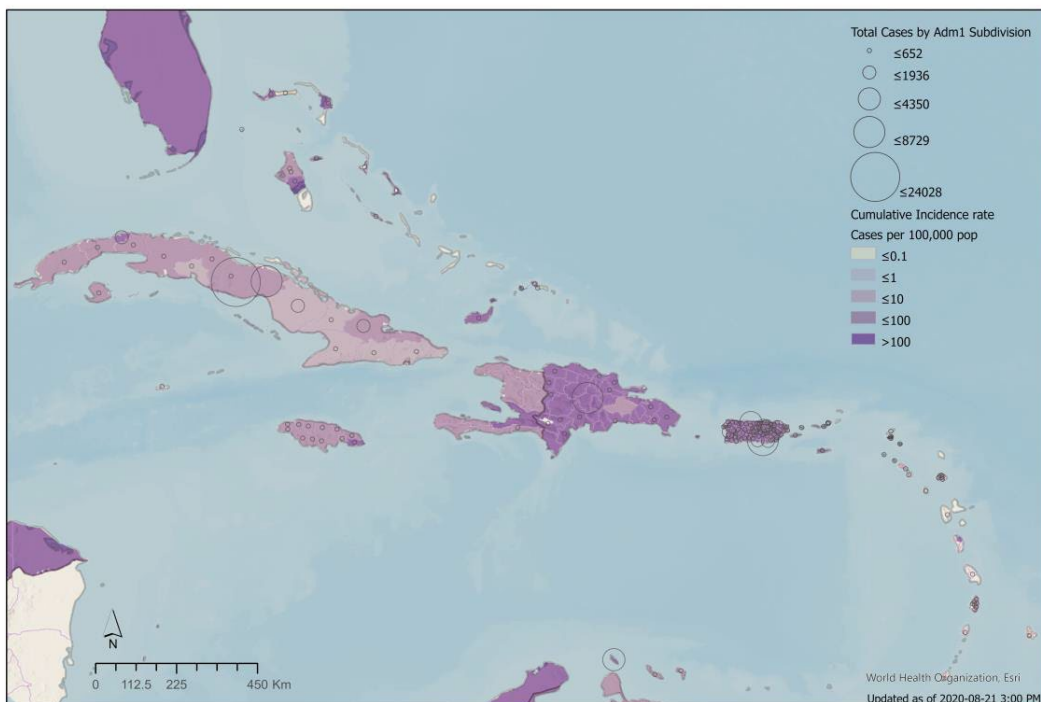


COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 139 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 17 August 2020
Barbados	last case on 21 August 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 20 August 2020
Dominica	last case on 20 August 2020
Grenada	last case on 31 July 2020
Montserrat	no new cases for 28 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	no new cases for 42 days
Saint Lucia	last case on 18 August 2020
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	last case on 17 August 2020

Updates

Global	PAHO - Region of the Americas
22,672,034 confirmed cases,	12,164,684 confirmed cases,
792,964 deaths <i>in</i>	434,731 deaths <i>in</i>
212 countries, areas, or territories	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 21 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	722	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	94	3	1,775	Clusters of cases	-	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	157	7	15,332	Clusters of cases	Varied stages of reopening	Yes	Yes	No	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	12	1	1,900	Sporadic cases only	Partial opening	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	19	0	1,938	Clusters cases only	Schools closed	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	8,777	55	-	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	510	15	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	350	16	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	13	1	256	No cases	Partial reopening of schools	Yes	No	No	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	16	0	-	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	26	0	4,946	Sporadic cases only	-	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	121	5		Sporadic cases only	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	17	0	1,430	No cases	Schools closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	58	0	3,039	Sporadic cases only	Partial reopening of schools	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	10,197	103	32,590						

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.

BVI and PAHO Launch project to equip citizens



Citizens of the British Virgin Islands (BVI) are better equipped to manage the challenges presented by COVID-19 and the hurricane season.

On August 20th, the BVI/PAHO Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Project was officially launched, as well as the COVID-19 and Disaster Mental Health and Psychosocial Plan.

The initiatives form part of the ongoing *“Bounce Back Stronger” Resilience Campaign*, developed by PAHO/WHO and the Ministry of Health of the BVI, to help health care professionals respond to disasters.

To date, two hundred persons have been trained in such disciplines as Psychological First Aid and stress management, in other projects which form the *“Bounce Back Stronger” Resilience Campaign*.

In his opening remarks, Representative of the PAHO/WHO for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Dr. Yitades Gebre, commended the BVI people for their resilience. “On March 25, the Virgin Islands confirmed its first two cases of COVID-19. Six months later, the BVI can express pride at the achievements made in containing the pandemic”.

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