

PAHO JAMAICA CO EOC - SITUATION REPORT #42

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS-COVID-2019 - 21 APRIL 2020 (as at 6:00 p.m.)

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Jamaica:

- a. Confirmed cases: 233 (10 new)
 - i. 34 imported, 52 contacts of cases, 8 local transmission-not epidemiologically-linked and 139 are under investigation
 - ii. Sex: 89 M (38%) / 144 F (62%)
 - iii. Age: Mean: 34 years / Median: 28 years / Range: 2 - 87 years
 - iv. N.B. 124 of the confirmed cases are linked to a workplace cluster and are under investigation.
- b. Deaths: 6 (on 18 March, 31 March, 1 April, 7 April, 14 April and 20 April 2020)
- c. Recovered: 27
- d. Isolation: 222 (total)
 - i. 84 in hospital
 - ii. 71 in transition care (step-down) facilities
 - iii. 67 in home isolation
- e. Samples tested: 1,936, with 233 positive, 1,695 negative and 8 pending
- f. Contacts: 2,350 (total), with 844 of these close contacts being followed
- g. Quarantine:
 - i. No. in National Quarantine Facilities: 24

2. Bermuda:

- a. Confirmed cases: 98 (12 new)
 - i. 37 imported, 46 local transmission, 15 under investigation
- b. Deaths: 5
- c. Recovered: 39
- d. Samples tested: 877, with 98 positive, 772 negative, 7 pending
- e. Quarantine (with public health supervision): 209
- f. Self-quarantine: 14 (with public health supervision)
- g. The shelter-in-place order was extended today, for the period 18 April 2020 – 2 May 2020.

3. Cayman Islands:

- a. Confirmed cases: 66 (0 new), with 1 death reported
- b. Recovered: 7
- c. Samples tested: 778, with 66 positive and 712 negative (No new routine results were received on 21 April 2020.)
- d. The shelter-in-place order is in place from 17 April – 1 May 2020.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Jamaica, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands started preparedness for any possible introduction of the novel coronavirus – COVID-19 in early January 2020, immediately following identification of the novel coronavirus on 7 January 2020 in China.

The respective national level Committees / Councils continue to guide all sectors in the required preparedness and response actions.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Jamaica:

- MOHW:

1. Additional isolation facilities have been identified to accommodate approximately 200 persons outside of hospital
 2. Interim guidelines for the management of pregnant women completed and circulated.
 3. Continue contact tracing, testing and quarantine of MOHW workers who are contacts of a confirmed case at the MOHW Head Office.
 4. Continue special containment measures for workers and contacts at identified Call Centres.
 5. Further the planning and guidelines for lock-downs of parishes and possibly the country
 6. Escalate the identification of cases and contacts, contact tracing, establishment of national quarantine and isolation facilities and installation of equipment and materials for case management.
 7. Expand community engagement and risk communication for persons in home quarantine and isolation.
- **PAHO:**
1. Planning and coordination
 - a. 24-hr technical guidance and support to the MOHW EOC and executive, focusing on coordination of health sector activities, re-organization of the health services, epidemiological surveillance, contact tracing, laboratory and case management.
 - b. Technical lead for COVID-19 response in collaboration with UNCT and International Development Partners
 2. Resource mobilization
 - a. The PAHO CO SPRP 9-pillar plan and budget were uploaded on the WHO COVID-19 Partners Platform on 21 April 2020.
 - b. The first draft of the proposal for the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery MPTF was completed and shared with the RC and UNCT on 21 April 2020..
 - c. Planning meetings held with UNCT to further preparation of proposal for UN MPTF-April 18, 19 & 21, 2020
 - d. Preparation of health sector COVID-19 plan and budget by pillars to guide resource mobilization, including for funding by USAID, CDC, USA and EU DEVCO
 - e. Provision of laboratory test kits and PPEs to MOHW.
 3. Research
 - a. Maintain membership on the Essential National Health Research Committee and provide support to formulate the research agenda for COVID-19, including for early investigations
 4. Case management and IPC
 - a. Technical guidance on case management and IPC, including for a field hospital (EMT SARI), with PAHO Emergency Medical Team section

NEEDS

1. Jamaica
 - a. PPEs, laboratory supplies, equipment and supplies for isolation and quarantine wards and rooms
 - b. Go.Data - provision of laptops for implementation islandwide – being procured
2. Bermuda: Information on Go.Data – provided.
3. Cayman Islands: Information on Go,Data – provided.