

COVID-19

PAHO JAMAICA CO EOC - SITUATION REPORT #56

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS-COVID-2019 – 5 MAY 2020 (as at 6:00 p.m.)

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Jamaica:

- a. Confirmed cases: 473 (2 new)
 - i. 35 imported, 170 contacts of confirmed cases, 11 local cases-not epidemiologically linked, 257 under investigation, including 221 from a workplace cluster
 - ii. Sex: 182 M (38%) 291 F (62%)
 - iii. Age: Mean: 31 years / Median 26 years / Age range: 2 months – 87 years
- b. Deaths: 9 (on 18 March, 31 March, 1 April, 7 April, 14 April, 20 April, 22 April, 23 April and 3 May 2020)
- c. Recovered: 57
- d. Isolation: 428 (total)
 - i. Of this total, 407 are confirmed cases in isolation:
 1. Hospitals: 52
 2. Transition facilities: 16
 3. National Isolation Facilities: 217
 4. Home: 122
- e. Samples tested: 5,993, of which 473 are positive, 5,467 negative and 53 pending
- f. Contacts: 3,378 (total), with 1,307 of these close contacts being followed
- g. Quarantine:
 - i. National Quarantine Facilities: 38
 - ii. Home quarantine: 2,005

2. Bermuda:

- a. Confirmed cases: 115 (0 new)
 - i. 38 imported, 66 local transmission, 11 under investigation
- b. Deaths: 7
- c. Recovered: 54
- d. Samples tested: 3,374, with 115 positive and 3,259 negative
- e. Quarantine (with public health supervision): 364
- f. A phased re-opening of Bermuda started as of 2 May 2020 – Phase 1: Limited Business (with curfew from 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.), Phase 2: Expansion of Services, Phase 3: Moving to Normal, Phase 4: New normal.

3. Cayman Islands:

- a. Confirmed cases: 78 (3 new), with 1 death reported
- b. Recovered: 30
- c. Samples tested: 2,752, with 78 positive and 2,674 negative
- d. There will be limited re-opening of some businesses and services as of 4 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. A new application for self-monitoring by persons in isolation and quarantine was implemented by the MOHW.
2. Additional isolation facilities have been identified to accommodate approximately 300 persons outside of hospital
3. Interim guidelines for the management of pregnant women completed and circulated.
4. Continue contact tracing, testing and quarantine of MOHW workers who are contacts of a confirmed case at the MOHW Head Office.
5. Continue special containment measures for workers and contacts at identified Call Centres.
6. Further the planning and guidelines for lock-downs of parishes and possibly the country
7. 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.
8. 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. Risk Communication and Community Engagement
 - a. Mental Health literacy in schools programme in the context of COVID-19 has started with approval from the Ministry of Education.
 - b. The PAHO JAM CO provided the PAHO video on coping with stress and mental well-being during isolation and quarantine to the MOHW for use in their public education programme.
3. Resource mobilization
 - a. Lead of Health Sector Group for resource mobilization and coordination of partners / donors in collaboration with the Government of Jamaica-Ministry of Foreign Affairs and within the UNCT.
 - b. Hand-over of laboratory test kits and extraction kits for the National Influenza Centre (NIC) by the PWR to MOHW – 4 May 2020
 - c. Hand-over of 25 android tablets for surveillance, focusing on Go.Data for contact tracing and enzymes for the NIC by PWR to MOHW – 25 April 2020
 - d. Submission of UN SG COVID-19 Response and Recovery MPTF by UNCT – 24 April 2020 – PAHO and UNFPA are RUNOs in collaboration with UNAIDS in Window 1, with PAHO proposal included.

- e. PWR brief to Donor Group – UNCT, Diplomatic community and International Development Partners chaired by Ministry of Foreign Affairs on PAHO's lead role in coordination of donations to health -24 April 2020.
 - f. The PAHO CO SPRP 9-pillar plan and budget were uploaded on the WHO COVID-19 Partners Platform on 21 April 2020.
 - g. Planning meetings held with UNCT to further preparation of proposal for UN MPTF-April 18, 19 & 21, 2020
 - h. 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
 - i. Provision of laboratory test kits and PPEs to MOHW.
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
5. 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

NEEDS

1. Jamaica
 - a. PPEs, laboratory supplies, equipment and supplies for isolation and quarantine facilities, wards and rooms
2. Bermuda: Information was requested on the procurement of pharmaceuticals.
3. Cayman Islands: No needs identified at this time.