

COVID-19 Situation Update - 74

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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.

Children and masks related to COVID-19

WHO advises that people always consult and abide by local authorities on recommended public health practices in their area. An international and multidisciplinary expert group brought together by WHO reviewed evidence on COVID-19 disease and transmission in children and the limited available evidence on the use of masks by children.

Based on this and other factors such as childrens' psychosocial needs and developmental milestones, WHO and UNICEF advise the following:

Children aged **5 years and under** should not be required to wear masks. This is based on the safety and overall interest of the child and the capacity to appropriately use a mask with minimal assistance.

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COVID-19 case update:

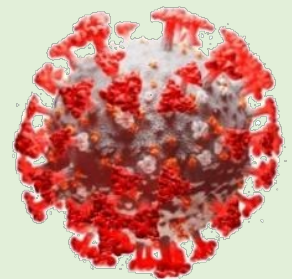
Today 26 August 2020, Barbados recorded one more case, and the British Virgin Island 5 additional COVID-19 cases.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 144 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 17 August 2020
Barbados	last case on 26 August 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 26 August 2020
Dominica	last case on 24 August 2020
Grenada	last case on 31 July 2020
Montserrat	no new cases for 34 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 10 July
Saint Lucia	last case on 18 August 2020
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	last case on 17 August 2020

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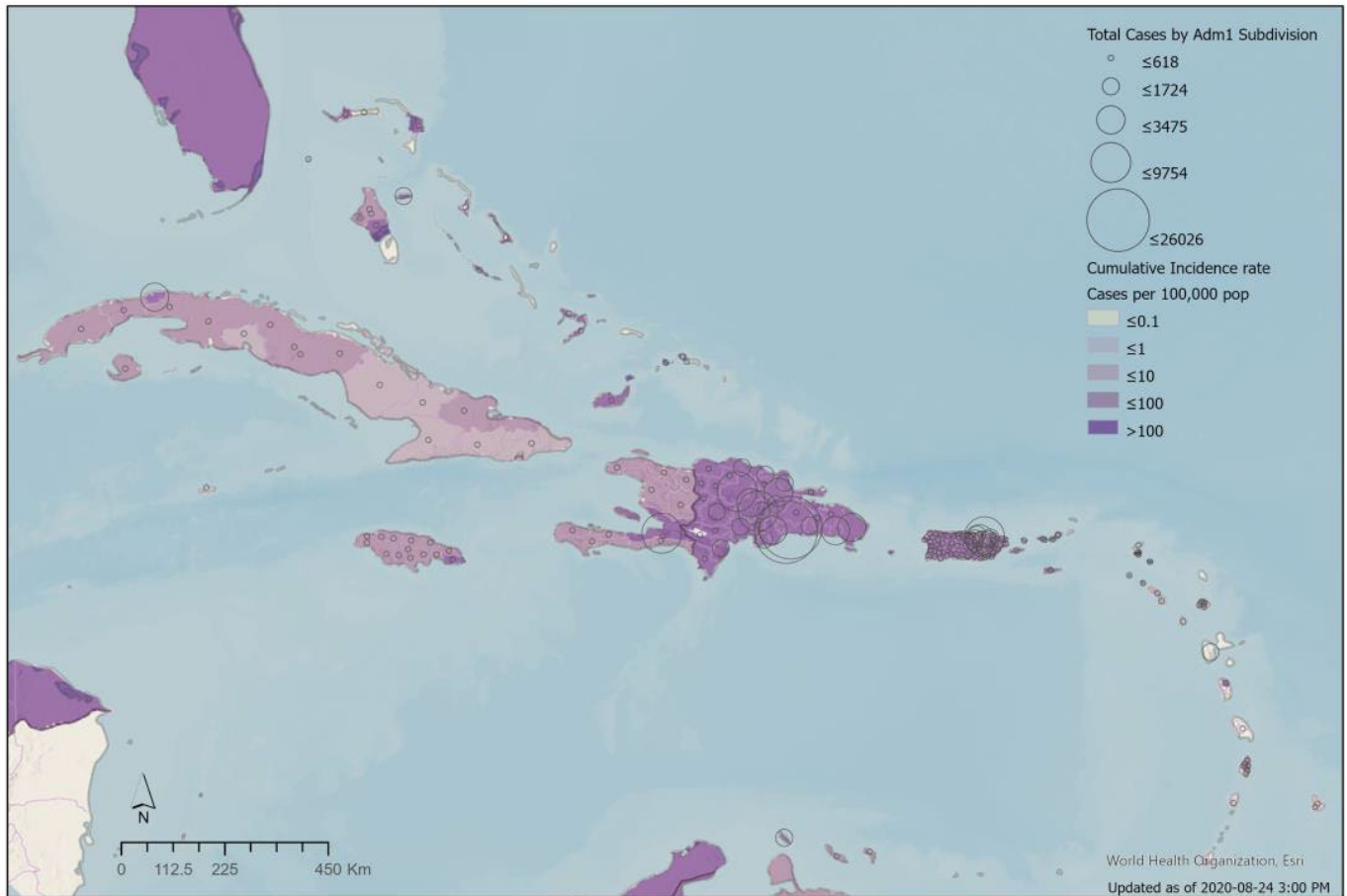
Global

23,752,965 confirmed cases,
815,038 deaths *in*
216 countries, areas, or territories

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12,519,981 confirmed cases,
444,362 deaths *in*
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 24 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	725	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	94	3	1,815	Clusters of cases	-	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	165	7	16,162	Clusters of cases	Varied stages of reopening	Yes	Yes	No	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	26	1	2,195	Sporadic cases only	Partial opening	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	20	0	2,077	Clusters cases only	Schools closed	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	8,904	56	-	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	771	15	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	464	16	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	13	1	285	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	5,264	Sporadic cases only	-	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	176	5		Sporadic cases only	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	17	0	1,461	No cases	Schools closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	58	0	3,214	Sporadic cases only	Partial reopening of schools	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	10,777	104	34,450						

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.

PAHO's Response

PAHO asks countries to reinforce contact tracing and data systems as the region starts to reopen



As cases of COVID-19 have more than doubled in the region of the Americas in the past weeks, reinforcing contact tracing and data management are key when many countries are reopening their activities.

The number of new COVID-19 infections reported in the Americas has more than doubled, rising from 5.3 million on July 1st to more than 12 million cases today

“Primary health care should be at the center of the response: identifying cases, acting to contain transmission and providing timely care in the community,” the Director of the Pan American Health Organization, Dr. Carissa F. Etienne said during a press conference today. “Local health authorities have a central role to play in generating and analyzing data to adjust public health measures to the reality in each area”.

Noting that in the past 6 weeks deaths in the region have doubled, Dr. Etienne said, “we can’t stop all transmission, but if countries stay vigilant and expand testing and surveillance, they can better identify spikes in cases and act quickly to contain them before they spread out of control.”

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