

# COVID-19 Situation Update - 75

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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.

## In WHO global pulse survey, 90% of countries report disruptions to essential health services since COVID-19 pandemic

The World Health Organization (WHO) today published a first indicative [survey on the impact of COVID-19 on health systems](#) based on 105 countries' reports. Data collected from five regions over the period from March to June 2020 illustrate that almost every country (90%) experienced disruption to its health services, with low- and middle-income countries reporting the greatest difficulties. Most countries reported that many routine and elective services have been suspended, while critical care - such as cancer screening and treatment and HIV therapy - has seen high-risk interruptions in low-income countries.

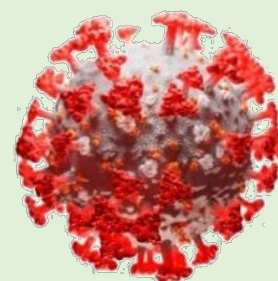
"The survey shines a light on the cracks in our health systems, but it also serves to inform new strategies to improve healthcare provision during the pandemic and beyond," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "COVID-19 should be a lesson to all countries that health is not an 'either-or' equation. We must better prepare for emergencies but also keep investing in health systems that fully respond to people's needs throughout the life course."

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***PREPARE.***

***ACT.***



## COVID-19 case update:

Today 31 August 2020, Barbados recorded one more case, and there were two additional COVID-19 cases in the British Virgin Islands.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 149 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 17 August 2020
Barbados	last case on 31 August 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 31 August 2020
Dominica	last case on 24 August 2020
Grenada	last case on 31 July 2020
Montserrat	no new cases for 39 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

## Updates

### Global

**25,206,416** confirmed cases,  
**846,255** deaths *in*  
**216** countries, areas, or territories

### PAHO - Region of the Americas

**13,356,411** confirmed cases,  
**467,149** 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 31 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	<a href="https://beatcovid19.ai/">https://beatcovid19.ai/</a> (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	94	3	1,900	Clusters of cases	-	Yes		Yes	<a href="https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42">https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42</a> (268) 462-6843
Barbados	174	7	17,180	Clusters of cases	Varied stages of reopening	Yes	Yes	No	<a href="https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/">https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/</a> (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	47	1	2,195	Clusters of Cases	Partial opening	Yes	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19">https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19</a> (284) 852-7650
Dominica	20	0	2,077	Clusters cases only	Schools closed	Yes	Specific settings only	No	<a href="http://dominica.gov.dm/corona">http://dominica.gov.dm/corona</a> (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	9,115	59	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	24	0	1,252	Clusters of case	Partial reopening of schools	Lifted	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://covid19.gov.gd/">https://covid19.gov.gd/</a> (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	1,145	16	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	<a href="https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/</a>
Martinique	596	16	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	<a href="https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/</a>
Montserrat	13	1	285	No cases	Partial reopening of schools	Yes	No	No	<a href="http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/">http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/</a>
Saint Barthélemy	16	0	-	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	26	0	5,264	Sporadic cases only	-	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	<a href="https://www.covid19response.lc/">https://www.covid19response.lc/</a>
Saint Martin	213	5		Sporadic cases only	-		-	-	<a href="https://www.stmartinweek.fr/">https://www.stmartinweek.fr/</a>
St Kitts & Nevis	17	0	1,564	No cases	Schools closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://www.covid19.gov.kn/">https://www.covid19.gov.kn/</a>
St Vincent & the Grenadines	60	0	3,472	Sporadic cases only	Partial reopening of schools	No	Specific settings only	No	<a href="http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c">http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c</a> (784) 534-4325
<b>Total</b>	<b>11503</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>35914</b>						

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.

# COVID-19 Risk Communications training hosted at Nursing School

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A cadre of nursing students and teachers are better equipped to face the COVID-19 pandemic.

The nursing students and teachers of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College – Division of Nursing Education, who were joined by representatives from the Ministry of Health, learned how to effectively communicate vital information on COVID-19 to patients and the general public.

The training session was a joint venture between PAHO/WHO and UNICEF. Risk Communications Team Leader of the PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, Dr. Karen Polson, coordinated the training, while Communication for Development Specialist at UNICEF Barbados, Dr. Lisa McClean-Trotman, facilitated.

Dr. Polson explained: “PAHO/WHO was approached by the Dean of the Community College, Beverley Liverpool, to provide the training. The dean recognized that while nurses are usually required to provide health information, this role has increased significantly due to the pandemic.

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