

**COVID-19
 Situation Update - 85**



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This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories, and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

Health Ministers commit to maintain, expand sustained actions to fight COVID-19 pandemic

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Health ministers from countries in the Americas yesterday committed to maintain and expand sustained actions to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and asked the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to continue supporting them in their fight to control it.

PAHO “assumes that the Region will experience recurring epidemic waves and outbreaks interspersed with periods of low-level transmission over the next 24 months, pending development of a safe, efficacious, and equitably accessible COVID-19 vaccine and achievement of appropriate population coverage,” said a report presented to the 58th Directing Council.

In a resolution passed during a virtual session, the countries requested that PAHO Director Carissa F. Etienne “continue providing evidence-based technical cooperation to Member States, promote innovation and sharing of experiences, to resume and maintain uninterrupted operations and interventions of the health system in all relevant aspects necessary for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

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COVID-19 case update:

On 30 September 2020, there were no new cases.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 178 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last 3 cases on 27 September 2020
Barbados	last case on 25 September 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 19 September 2020
Dominica	last case on 29 September 2020
Grenada	last case on 31 July 2020
Montserrat	no new cases for 68 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last 2 cases on 18 September 2020
Saint Lucia	last case on 08 September 2020
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	last 2 cases on 12 September 2020

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Updates

Global	PAHO - Region of the Americas
33,611,289 confirmed cases,	16,624,745 confirmed cases,
1,007,515 deaths <i>in</i>	555,956 deaths <i>in</i>
216 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 30 September 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	1,190	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	101	3	2,697	Sporadic cases	Ant: Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	190	7	23,225	Clusters of cases	Varied stages of reopening	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	71	1	4,546	Clusters of cases	Online school	Yes	Yes	No	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	31	0	3,326	Clusters of cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	9,955	66	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	24	0	3,396	No cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	5,528	57	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	1,543	21	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	13	1	449	No cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	No	No	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	48	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
St Kitts & Nevis	19	0	2,388	No cases	Schools reopened 9 Sep. 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
Saint Lucia	27	0	8,177	Sporadic cases	-	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	383	8		Community transmission	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	64	0	4,867	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	18,000	164	54,261						

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories. 'Sporadic cases' 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

COVID-19 Testing capacity at polyclinics enhanced



From left: Dr Kimberley Philips - Medical Officer of Health, Brandford Taitt Polyclinic, Dr Yitades Gebre - PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, Dr Elizabeth Mandeville - Medical Officer of Health, Eunice Gibson Polyclinic and Minister of Health and Wellness Lt Col Jeffrey Bostic

The COVID-19 testing capacity at two of Barbados' polyclinics have been enhanced by donations of information technology equipment by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). On Friday 25 September 2020, PAHO equipped the Eunice Gibson and Brandford Taitt Polyclinics each with a laptop, monitor, printer and related accessories.

PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, Dr Yitades Gebre, said "A strong COVID-19 response must include a comprehensive strategy for surveillance and testing at all levels, we are pleased that Barbados has decentralized the testing sites." He noted that PAHO's contribution to the effort included testing supplies, swabs, personal protective equipment (PPE), computers and printers to support the work and efficiencies at the polyclinics.

Lt Col Jeffrey Bostic, Minister of Health and Wellness said "We are planning to re-organize with what we have, add some additional resources, but at the forefront of the effort would be the use of technology, so the computers are very, very, timely, especially at the primary healthcare facilities that are doing testing and that are responsible for contact tracing."

In her remarks Dr Elizabeth Mandeville, Medical Officer of Health at the Eunice Gibson Polyclinic thanked PAHO for the donation and said "It is important to have a well-equipped COVID-19 testing area at all primary health care facilities such as the Eunice Gibson and Brandford Taitt Polyclinics."

While expressing gratitude for the timely donation of equipment and rapid response to an identified need, Dr Kimberly Philips, Medical Officer of Health at the Brandford Taitt Polyclinic said “The Pan American Health Organization understand the importance of primary health care to the overall success of healthcare delivery.”



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