



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.



WHO and Disney Junior’s “Doc McStuffins” team up to remind young kids to wash their hands

WHO and Disney Junior have joined forces to remind children around the world of the importance of thorough handwashing in preventing the spread of germs and disease.

Disney Junior’s Doc McStuffins, a young girl who aspires to follow in her doctor mother’s footsteps and practices by treating whatever ails her toys, is joined by her “patients” in a hand washing public service announcement, developed courtesy of Disney Junior, which gently reminds young viewers to wash their hands with soap.

“Washing your hands regularly with soap and water is one of the most important and most basic steps keeping safe from COVID-19 and many other pathogens,” said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “It is also one of the most effective ways to prevent antimicrobial resistant diseases.”

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COVID-19 case update:

On 20 October 2020, there were no new cases.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 198 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 17 October 2020
Barbados	last case on 18 October 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 14 October 2020
Dominica	last case on 14 October 2020
Grenada	last case on 16 October 2020
Montserrat	no new cases for 88 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 21 September 2020
Saint Lucia	last case on 19 October 2020
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	last case on 17 October 2020

Updates

Global

40,251,950 confirmed cases,

1,116,131 deaths *in*

216 countries, areas, or territories

PAHO - Region of the Americas

18,800,094 confirmed cases,

608,727 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 20 October 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	1,326	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	119	3	3,242	Sporadic cases	Ant: Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	222	7	31,013	Clusters of cases	2 students infected from one school that closed from Oct. 5 to Oct. 16 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	72	1	5,461	Clusters of cases	Online school	Yes	Yes	No	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	34	0	4,120	Clusters of cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	10,268	69	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	27	0	3,396	No cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	7,122	111	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	2,266	25	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	13	1	552	No cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	No	No	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	72	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
St Kitts & Nevis	19	0	2,869	No cases	Schools reopened 9 Sep. 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
Saint Lucia	36	0	9,272	Sporadic cases	Schools closed – student infected.	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	531	8		Community transmission	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	67	0	5,793	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	20,871	225	67,004						

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.



Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Week launched

This week marks the inaugural celebration of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Week and a host of activities have been planned.

PAHO/WHO Family and Community Health Advisor, Dr. Darlene Omeir, explained the genesis of the calendar event.

“Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Week will be commemorated annually during the third week of October, with the purpose of raising awareness of the urgency of increasing actions to prevent unintended early pregnancies. The Caribbean Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Week was established in agreement with CARICOM and Caribbean stakeholders.”

The week commenced on 18th October and concludes on 24th October 2020.

PAHO, in collaboration with UNFPA, coordinated and launched the week with several activities planned across the region:

- *Nevis* prepared a testimonial video of a teen mother whose life changed due to an unanticipated pregnancy. She was able to redeem herself financially, emotionally and spiritually and wants to use her story to dissuade adolescents from engaging in unprotected sex.
- *Saint Vincent and the Grenadines* is preparing a video and will include talks with teens and schools.
- *Saint Kitts* is organizing radio discussions and Facebook live group-discussions.
- *The ECC office* also joined efforts with SPC in organizing activities at the Regional level:
 - **Monday, 19th October** – The road map to advance adolescent and youth health in the Caribbean was launched.
 - **Thursday, 22nd October; 5 p.m.** – A webinar will be hosted entitled ‘Adolescent Youth Link-Up: Adolescent Pregnancy Risks and Prevention. See graphic on the next page. **Register in advance here:** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eIYLJpYPS2C7xf8EEBf-kQ
 - **Friday, 23rd October; 11 a.m.** – A technical meeting will be hosted on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention in the Caribbean. See graphic on the next page. **Register in advance here:** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PSciBNfPTU64L9oPbwnzyA

In endorsing the launch of the week, Dr. Yitades Gebre stressed the urgency of teaching teens to manage their health.

“Latin America and the Caribbean have the second highest adolescent pregnancy rates in the world. Early pregnancy hampers the psychosocial development of girls, contributes to poor health outcomes, negatively affects their educational and employment opportunities.

“With the shutdown of schools to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the likelihood of experiencing violence and abuse at home, unintended pregnancies, early unions, school dropout, and economic hardship, increases.”

Dr. Gebre advised: “The reduction of adolescent pregnancy requires ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health care (SRH) services, including access to family planning, information and education.

Despite regional and country-level efforts, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) continues to have the second highest adolescent fertility rate in the world in the age group 15-19 years, and the slowest rate of decline.

Moreover, LAC is the only region with an estimated increasing trend in pregnancies in girls younger than 15 years. This issue has become particularly critical during to the COVID-19 pandemic, which can further exacerbate the already limited access of adolescent girls to sexual and reproductive health information and services.



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Caribbean Roadmap for Adolescent and Youth Health Launched

Caribbean youth advocates have called for action on areas of priority for their peers with the launch of the Caribbean Roadmap for Adolescent and Youth Health: Championing Our Wealth: Promoting the Health and Well-Being of Adolescents and Youth in the Caribbean.

Three days of discussion last November with close to 200 congress participants including policymakers, international and regional and partners, and young people, culminated in the launch of the roadmap on Monday. The launch showcased the involvement of young advocates in the design, moderation and content of the event and was hosted by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

Joining to officially launch the Roadmap was Guyana's Minister of Health, Dr. Frank Anthony, who commended the young people and the partners for the collective wisdom encapsulated in the Roadmap. "I want to thank PAHO/WHO, CARICOM and UN Partners for their leadership in this process. I urge you to continue the advocacy for political prioritisation and the integration of these recommendations into national development plans. While the challenges before us are compounded by COVID 19, we have an opportunity of using this roadmap to usher future generations into a cleaner and healthier Caribbean. Can we do it? Yes, we can!" Minister Anthony exclaimed.

Nothing for us, without us!

Five Caribbean youth advocates Pierre Cooke Jnr, Christopher Gilkes, Michelle Belfor, Jean Sano Santana and Renatta Langlais, took part in the launch and focused their discussions on the four tracks contained in the Roadmap: mental health, substance use, violence and injuries; sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV and STI; nutrition, physical activity, sports and youth development; and climate change and the environment.

Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC)'s Youth Voices Technical Advisor, Pierre Cooke Jnr, noted that the issues highlighted in the Road Map are human rights concerns and required, in many cases, moving beyond policies to enacting comprehensive legislation to protect the youth of the Caribbean. Speaking specifically about NCDs, he noted, "It is the right of every child to have access to the highest attainable standard of health and we are simply not ensuring that they have access to that. When we look at systems where in the Caribbean, we have major gaps in protecting our children in the food and nutrition system. We don't have mandatory front of package labelling. We don't have

increased taxes on sugar sweetened beverages. And, within our schools, we don't have proper legislation and policies in place to protect our children to ensure that they have healthy and nutritious meals," Mr Cooke indicated.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) advocate, Michele Belfor from Suriname, called for leaders to prioritize this area, stating, "Within this pandemic we are seeing that sexual and reproductive health has been put in the background even more so than it was before. People are really focusing on food nutrition, which is fair, but if we do not focus on SRHR and gender-based violence we are creating a pandemic within a pandemic. This Roadmap could not have come at a better time to provide the needed actions from young people..."

In offering congratulations to all involved in bringing the Roadmap to fruition, Director of the Family, Health Promotion and Life Course Unit, PAHO/WHO, Dr Andrés de Francisco, noted his delight that the congress was not just a stand-alone event. "This roadmap document summarizes the results of the congress discussions, and proposes clear and measurable action in priority areas, including mental health, sexual and reproductive health, environment and climate change... And I want to assure you that as PAHO we will do our utmost to respond to this call and help implement the roadmap recommendations," he said.

The CARICOM Secretariat has already taken note of the recommendations and is committed to continued support. "New initiatives, for example, plans to engage young people in programmes to mentor and train youth leaders and engage youth in decision-making and strategic planning on issues of climate change and the environment and its impact on health have also been added to the programme of work through the EU CARICOM,PAHO project on climate change and health systems... But I also firmly believe that if we are to achieve the change we are seeking, **we** - each of us- , must see ourselves as champions for change and we must be prepared to step off the stage, as it were, and run alongside our adolescents and youth.... **yes**.... run if we want to keep up with them, in the pursuit of the goals of this road map," Mrs. Helen Royer, CARICOM's Director, Human and Social Development, said.

The Caribbean Congress on Adolescent and Youth Health (CCAYH) was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago from October 14-17, 2019. The discussions and recommendations were carefully documented by a team of notetakers and technical consultants for preparation of the Roadmap. The purpose of the Roadmap is to provide strategic guidance on actions Member States should take to address adolescent health in their local setting and is available [here](#).

Links to the Virtual Launch of the Road Map

Link to YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymAxRLqPcFU>

Link to Zoom content:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ogJSnpZHrVqviXS7ep_ee37RJuz6stwf?usp=sharing



For more information on COVID-19 visit: www.paho.org/coronavirus

