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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.



Work to develop a COVID-19 vaccine is faster than ever but safety and efficacy processes remain unchanged, PAHO Director says

However, while spikes in cases continue in the Region, countries must ensure a sustained response until a vaccine arrives.

While the Americas urgently awaits a breakthrough, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) will only support the distribution of a vaccine that has proven to be safe and effective in clinical trials, reviewed by National Regulatory Authorities and recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), PAHO Director Carissa F Etienne, said today.

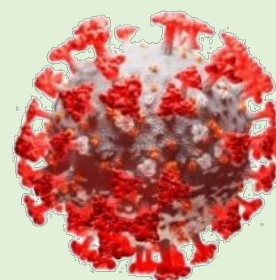
“It is important to emphasize that while we’re working to develop a vaccine faster than ever before, the process to guarantee its safety and efficacy is unchanged,” Etienne told a press briefing in Washington, DC. She noted that there is a pipeline of more than 180 vaccine candidates under study, with 11 in phase III clinical trials.

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COVID-19 case update:

On 23 October 2020, there were six new cases in St. Lucia.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 201 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 17 October 2020
Barbados	last case on 22 October 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 14 October 2020
Dominica	last case on 22 October 2020
Grenada	last case on 16 October 2020
Montserrat	no new cases for 91 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 21 September 2020
Saint Lucia	last case on 23 October 2020
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	last case on 22 October 2020

Updates

Global

41,714,196 confirmed cases,

1,137,779 deaths *in*

216 countries, areas, or territories

PAHO - Region of the Americas

19,317,767 confirmed cases,

619,339 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 23 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	1,469	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	122	3	3,366	Sporadic cases	Ant: Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	227	7	32,740	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	37	0	4,217	Clusters of cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	10,342	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	7,329	115	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	2,794	27	-	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	77	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
St Kitts & Nevis	19	0	2,913	No cases	Schools reopened 9 Sep. 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
Saint Lucia	48	0	9,621	Sporadic cases	Schools closed – student infected.	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	538	8		Community transmission	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	73	0	6,358	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	21,721	231	70,093						

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

Preventing the Spread of Dengue during the COVID-19 Pandemic



Citizens are being reminded that protecting themselves from Dengue Fever is vital, especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic period.

Last month, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries (ECC), Dr. Yitades Gebre, reported that since the start of the rainy season, increased dengue activity above the seasonal threshold had been reported in several islands. Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, the French Department territories Martinique, Guadeloupe and Saint Barthelemy, were described as experiencing high levels of transmission and hospital admissions.

The disturbing news was also shared that in the majority of the cases, children under 15 years have been affected disproportionately and sought hospital admissions for severe Dengue.

Advisor, Climate and Environmental Determinants of Health, Dr. Karen Polson, is therefore reminding property owners to follow the recommended guidelines, which reduce the breeding sites of the *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito, the carrier of dengue fever.

“Dengue is the most common mosquito borne disease in the world,” explained Dr. Polson. “We must therefore ensure we reduce the breeding sites by practicing such measures as securely covering water barrels and drums, emptying containers that are collecting water and covering containers, cleaning roof gutters, de-bushing. Generally, making sure water is not allowed to collect and become breeding sites for mosquitos.”

A number of symptoms are associated with dengue fever, including:

- Headache
- Fever
- Nausea/vomiting
- Rash
- Pain behind the eyes
- Muscle, joint, or bone pain

Severe symptoms of dengue fever are:

- Stomach or belly pain, tenderness
- Vomiting (at least 3 times in 24 hours)
- Bleeding from the nose or gums
- Vomiting blood, or blood in the stool
- Feeling tired, restless, or irritable

Please click on the below links to learn more about Dengue Fever, in the context of COVID-19:

<https://www.paho.org/en/denque-prevention-and-control-barbados-and-eastern-caribbean-countries>

<https://youtu.be/9yWChBCAkWk>



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

