

# COVID-19 Situation Update - 100

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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.



## PAHO to support countries in facing the challenges and cost of a future COVID-19 vaccine

*Vaccinating 20% of the population in Latin America and the Caribbean is projected to cost over \$2 billion*

Delivering vaccines for COVID-19 “will be challenging and costly “so it is vital that countries start preparing now,” said Jarbas Barbosa, Assistant Director of the Pan American Health Organization during a press briefing today. Projections for Latin America and the Caribbean show that vaccinating 20% of the population will cost more than \$2 billion dollars.

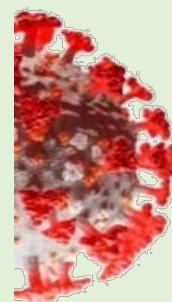
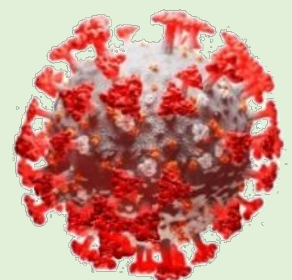
PAHO is already working with countries in the Americas to facilitate access to COVID-19 vaccines under the COVAX Mechanism and will offer them the option to purchase the vaccines as a block through PAHO’s Revolving Fund. “As of today, 28 self-financing countries have signed agreements with the COVAX Facility, and an additional 10 countries are eligible for support under the COVAX Advance Market Commitment,” said Barbosa.

PAHO has also partnered with the Inter-American Development Bank, the European Union and other financial institutions and donors to secure the funding needed for lower income countries in the Region to join. [Read more ...](#)

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**PREPARE.**

**ACT.**



## COVID-19 case update:

On 20 November 2020, four new cases were recorded in Grenada.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 230 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 19 November 2020
Barbados	last case on 19 November 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 14 October 2020
Dominica	last case on 19 November 2020
Grenada	last case on 20 November 2020
Montserrat	no new cases for 120 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 21 September 2020
Saint Lucia	last 20 cases on 19 November 2020
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	last case on 16 November 2020

## Updates

### Global

**56,881,502** confirmed cases,

**1,359,865** deaths *in*

**216** countries, areas, or territories

### PAHO - Region of the Americas

**24,293,310** confirmed cases,

**693,922** 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 November 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	2,040	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	<a href="https://beatcovid19.ai/">https://beatcovid19.ai/</a> (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	139	4	4,292	Sporadic cases	Ant: Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	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	253	7	43,788	Clusters of cases	2 students infected from one school which closed from 5 Oct. to 16 Oct. 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/">https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/</a> (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	72	1	6,431	Clusters of cases	Phased reopening – Nov. 9, 26; 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2021.	Yes	Yes	No	<a href="https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19">https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19</a> (284) 852-7650
Dominica	72	0	5,489	Clusters of cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	Specific settings only	No	<a href="http://dominica.gov.dm/corona">http://dominica.gov.dm/corona</a> (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	10,987	70	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	41	0	3,396	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://covid19.gov.gd/">https://covid19.gov.gd/</a> (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	8,225	144	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	<a href="https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/</a>
Martinique	5,091	39	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	<a href="https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/</a>
Montserrat	13	1	577	No cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	No	No	<a href="http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/">http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/</a>
Saint Barthélemy	127	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
St Kitts & Nevis	19	0	3,563	No cases	Schools reopened 9 Sep. 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://www.covid19.gov.kn/">https://www.covid19.gov.kn/</a>
Saint Lucia	203	2	14,449	Community transmission	Schools closed another 2 weeks; until Nov. 6– (student infected).	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	<a href="https://www.covid19response.lc/">https://www.covid19response.lc/</a>
Saint Martin	690	12		Community transmission	-		-	-	<a href="https://www.stmartinweek.fr/">https://www.stmartinweek.fr/</a>
St Vincent & the Grenadines	84	0	8,596	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	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>26,019</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>92,621</b>						

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.*

## CARIBBEAN TOLD UNITE TO CONTROL DENGUE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Caribbean is being advised to contain the spread of dengue, as 2.7 million cases, many of whom are children, have been recorded in the Caribbean, Latin America and North America thus far for 2020.

Dr. Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the ECC, recently stated: “We need to do it all – governments need to provide leadership, clear communication and strong public health measures and resources and partnerships.

“Individuals need to do their part in avoiding bites by mosquitoes, keeping homes free of the vector, personal protection and caring for most vulnerable in the family such as children and persons with chronic illness; and seeking medical attention early, when feeling sick.”

The PAHO/WHO Representative spoke during a webinar organized by the Barbados and ECC office, entitled “Dengue Response in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic”.

Dr. Gebre outlined several factors which may be contributing to the noted increase in dengue cases during the current COVID-19 pandemic in Barbados and the ECC.

- Possible underreporting of dengue.
- Delayed medical consultation of dengue cases with warning signs as a result of COVID-19 pandemic containment measures or as the result of fear of COVID-19 exposure in health care services by the population.
- Focus of the health care services on COVID-19 response.
- Interruption of fogging and other vector control activities
- Laboratory overload for confirmation of severe cases and lack of supplies for surveillance.

To date, PAHO has spent US\$ 345,000 working with Barbados and ECC countries, especially those with the highest dengue cases, to accelerate the implementation of their integrated management strategies for dengue response plans.

Ms. Thais Dos Santos, PAHO Advisor, Surveillance and Control of Arboviral Diseases, said of the four serotypes of dengue, serotypes 3 and 4 are currently in circulation in the Caribbean.

Comparing 2019 to 2020, Ms Dos Santos described 2019 as having “the most dengue cases in the history of dengue in the Americas”, adding that “this year, 2020, we looked like we were heading in the same direction”. However, due to lockdowns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Dos Santos said, “persons were not travelling around as much, thus resulting in a decrease in reported dengue cases.”

Dengue is a communicable disease which is spread from an infected person to another by the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.

Participants in the webinar also received updates from three countries which are currently implementing strategies to address outbreaks of dengue while simultaneously addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. They heard reports on Clinical Management from Pediatrician Dr. Mishka Duncan of St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Laboratory Diagnosis and Surveillance from Acting Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Shawn Charles, Grenada; and Vector Control and Health Promotion from Environmental Health Officers, Ms Cheryl St Romain and Ms Charletta Charles, St. Lucia. From January to October 2020, St. Vincent reported 1,473 cases and 6 deaths; Grenada recorded 318 dengue fever cases and four cases of severe dengue; and St. Lucia recorded more than 1,000 dengue cases and three deaths.

Link to video Prevention and control of mosquito-borne diseases:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yWChBCAkWk&feature=youtu.be>



For more information on COVID-19 visit:

[www.paho.org/coronavirus](http://www.paho.org/coronavirus)

