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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.



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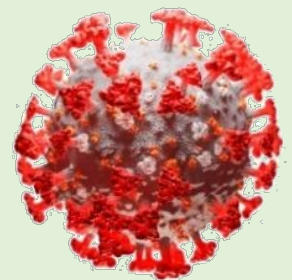
PREPARE.

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COVAX Announces additional deals to access promising COVID-19 vaccine candidates; plans global rollout starting Q1 2021

- COVAX now has agreements in place to access nearly two billion doses of several promising vaccine candidates, and laid the groundwork for further doses to be secured through contributions from donors.
- These agreements mean that all COVAX's 190 participating and eligible economies will be able to access doses to protect vulnerable groups in the first half of 2021. At least 1.3 billion donor-funded doses will be made available to 92 economies eligible for the Gavi COVAX AMC, targeting up to 20% population coverage by the end of the year.
- Funding raised in 2020 and early pledges toward 2021 targets, alongside these agreements, offer clearest pathway yet to ending the acute phase of the pandemic globally by the end of 2021.

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COVID-19 case update:

On 22 December 2020, Dominica reported four cases, St. Lucia 16 cases and St. Vincent & the Grenadines 3 cases.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	last case on 4 December 2020
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 21 December 2020
Barbados	last case on 20 December 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 18 December 2020
Dominica	last 4 cases on 22 December 2020
Grenada	last 13 cases on 20 December 2020
Montserrat	no new cases for 152 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 18 December 2020
Saint Lucia	last 16 cases on 22 December 2020
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	last 3 cases on 22 December 2020

Updates

Global

76,499,351 confirmed cases,

1,702,632 deaths *in*

216 countries, areas, or territories

PAHO - Region of the Americas

33,251,796 confirmed cases,

820,013 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 22 December 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	10	0	3,198	Sporadic cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	153	5	5,384	Sporadic cases	Ant: Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	327	7	61,923	Clusters of cases	2 students infected from one school which closed from 5 Oct. to 16 Oct. 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	86	1	10,274	Clusters of cases	Phased reopening – Nov. 9, 26; 4 th Jan. 2021.	Yes	Yes	No	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	92	0	6,878	Clusters of cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	12,499	71	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	107	0	11,107	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	8,557	155	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	5,634	42	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	13	1	643	No cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	No	No	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	182	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
St Kitts & Nevis	30	0	4,623	Sporadic cases	Schools reopened 9 Sep. 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
Saint Lucia	303	5	18,291	Clusters of cases	Schools remain closed.	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	948	12		Community transmission	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	107	0	13,264	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	No	Specific settings only	N	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	29,048	299	135,585						

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.



GLEBE POLYCLINIC RECEIVES GIFTS FROM PAHO DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Three days before Christmas, the Glebe Polyclinic in St. George, Barbados, received a donation from PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries (ECC).

In their continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic, PAHO presented the polyclinic with a state of the art standing non-contact thermometer, one wrist thermometer, one laptop, a printer, a docking station and a 27" Monitor. Previously, a similar donation was made to the Randal Phillips and Eunice Gibson Polyclinics.

PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the ECC, Dr. Yitades Gebre, not only came bearing gifts but also words of advice for the Christmas season.

“We need to suppress transmission of all SARS-CoV-2 viruses as quickly as we can. The more we allow it to spread, the more opportunity it has to change. At this festive time of year for so many, the best gift for health workers is for leaders and citizens to take precautions that ease the pressure on health systems.

Dr. Gebre cautioned: “Vaccines are offering hope for some, but vaccine nationalism will deprive the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people of these life-saving tools. Political commitment needs to be translated into action.”

Referring to the identification of a variant strain of COVID-19, Dr. Gebre recalled:

“Last week, South African and UK health officials informed WHO and the public about different variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 circulating in their countries. WHO is in close contact with health officials and scientists in the UK and South Africa about changes they have identified in the virus.

“The UK has reported that this new variant transmits more easily but there is no indication so far that it is more likely to cause severe disease, or have an impact on vaccines.”

The PWR stated: “Viruses change as they circulate, and these changes can lead to changes in characteristics of the virus. Everyone must continue to take all actions to slow and eventually stop the spread of the virus. WHO will continue to inform countries and the public as it learns more.

Dr. Gebre reminded: “Response to the COVID pandemic must be collective. No one is safe until everyone is safe. We need to be prepared to have a vaccine to be added in our global effort.”

Lt. Col. the Honourable Jeffrey Bostic, Minister of Health and Wellness, thanked PAHO for their advice, technical support and donations, which allows Barbados to “maintain the level of health care services, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The Minister also reiterated that “vaccines will enhance what we are doing and what we are doing, we must continue to do.”

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kenneth George, Dr. Carl Ward and other staff of the Glebe Polyclinic, and Dr. Rufus Ewing, Advisor, Health Systems and Services and other staff of the PAHO/WHO Barbados Country Office also attended the handover ceremony.



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