



COVID-19 Situation Update - 120

15 February 2021

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 lists two additional COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use and COVAX roll-out



15 February 2021 - The World Health Organization (WHO) today listed two versions of the AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use, giving the green light for these vaccines to be rolled out globally through COVAX. The vaccines are produced by AstraZeneca-SKBio (Republic of Korea) and the Serum Institute of India.

WHO's Emergency Use Listing (EUL) assesses the quality, safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines and is a prerequisite for COVAX Facility vaccine supply. It also allows countries to expedite their own regulatory approval to import and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

"Countries with no access to vaccines to date will finally be able to start vaccinating their health workers and populations at risk, contributing to the COVAX Facility's goal of equitable vaccine distribution," said Dr Mariângela Simão, WHO Assistant-Director General for Access to Medicines and Health Products.

Region of the Americas

48,457,101
cases

1,145,270
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

Global

108,579,408
cases

2,396,280
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

"But we must keep up the pressure to meet the needs of priority populations everywhere and facilitate global access. To do that, we need two things – a scale-up of manufacturing capacity, and developers' early submission of their vaccines for WHO review."

The WHO EUL process can be carried out quickly when vaccine developers submit the full data required by WHO in a timely manner. Once those data are submitted, WHO can rapidly assemble its evaluation team and regulators from around the world to assess the information and, when necessary, carry out inspections of manufacturing sites.

In the case of the two AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccines, WHO assessed the quality, safety and efficacy data, risk management plans and programmatic suitability, such as cold chain requirements. The process took under four weeks.

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COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
Anguilla	As of 12 February 2021, over 1,341 persons in Anguilla received their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine. Anguilla reported that over 4,000 persons have registered for the vaccine.
Antigua and Barbuda	16 new COVID-19 cases were reported as of 13 February 2021
Barbados	On Sunday, February 14, 2021 Barbados recorded the first death of a Health Care Worker. A Nurse Auxillary working at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. 207 new COVID-19 cases were reported on February 13, 2021
Montserrat	In a reported dated 15 February 2021, 2 new COVID-19 cases were reported.
Saint Lucia	30 new COVID-19 cases were reported for the period February 1- 13, 2021
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	24 new cases were reported on Sunday, February 14, 2021

Classification of transmission scenarios

WHO recommends using the following categories to describe transmission patterns at national and sub-national levels (wherever possible) to guide decisions for preparedness, readiness and response activities.

CATEGORY NAME	DEFINITION
No cases	Countries/territories/areas with no cases
Sporadic cases	Countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected
Cluster of cases	Countries/territories/areas experiencing cases, clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures
Community transmission	Countries/territories/areas experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission defined through an assessment of factors including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains • Large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance • Multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country/territory/area

Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories

COUNTRY	CONFIRMED CASES	ACTIVE CASES	DEATHS	# OF TESTS	TRANSMISSION TYPE	STATUS OF SCHOOLS	TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS	MASKS MANDATORY	STATE OF EMERGENCY (CURFEW)	COVID-19 WEB ADDRESS AND HOTLINE
ANGUILLA	18	-	0	7,698	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	443	229	9	10,953	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	-	Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	2,268	607	24	114,028	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	153	2	1	21,846	Clusters of cases	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	No	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	134	13	0	10,917	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	16,456	-	80	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
GRENADA	148	1	1	20,819	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	9,302	-	159	--	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	6,521	-	45	122,755	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	20	7	1	996	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	425	-	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	41	-	0	8,533	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	2,549	810	23	22,768	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	1,377	-	12	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	1,453	848	6	33,826	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	41,308	2,517	361	375,139						

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.

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COVAX Indicative Allocation

COUNTRY	*SFP/AMC	COVAX participation modality	AZ indicative	AZ contractual	Population coverage based on AZ indicative	Population coverage for AZ indicative and Pfizer	Part of the first wave (EOI)	AZ opt-out
Antigua and Barbuda	SFP	Committed purchase	40,800	40,800	21%	21%	Yes	No
Barbados	SFP	Committed purchase	100,800	100,800	18%	18%	Yes	No
Dominica	AMC	AMC	28,800	28,800	20%	20%	No	No
Grenada	AMC	AMC	45,600	45,600	20%	20%	Yes	No
Saint Kitts and Nevis	SFP	Committed purchase	21,600	21,600	20%	20%	No	No
Saint Lucia	AMC	AMC	74,400	74,400	20%	20%	No	No
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AMC	AMC	45,600	45,600	21%	21%	Yes	No

*SFP - Self Financing Participants
 AMC - Advanced Market Commitment

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PAHO's Response



A statement from PAHO/WHO on the First Health Workers in Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda Succumbing to COVID-19 illness

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded all of us of the heroic work that health workers do every single day.

15 February 2021, Bridgetown, Barbados: We are deeply saddened and mourn the passing of two health care workers to COVID-19 illness, one in Barbados the other in Antigua and Barbuda. In Barbados a nursing assistant assigned to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, succumbed to the illness on Sunday, February 14, 2021, while in Antigua and Barbuda a Nurse and Matron of the Hannah Thomas Hospital died on Monday, February 15, 2021.

On behalf of the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Dr Carissa Etienne, and PAHO personnel in the country we extend our deepest condolences to the Governments and People of Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda, to the families and coworkers of these extraordinary heroes, said Dr. Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries.

At this time, we would like to reemphasize the safety and protection of health workers to be of paramount importance, as they are the backbone of our health system.

PAHO's primary concerns has been to ensure health workers have access to personal protective equipment (PPE). Lack of PPE or proper training on how to use it are some of the factors that are contributing to infections in health workers. We have been addressing this issue since the beginning of the pandemic.

Dr. Gebre also stated, "other contributing factors that policy makers should address are reducing the workload and stress on health workers. They need psychosocial support in these trying circumstances. Communities can play their part by adopting behaviours that reduce disease spread so that healthcare systems, and as result health workers, are not burdened. We all have a role to play."

On an ongoing basis, PAHO has provided Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda with essential COVID-19 supplies to protect health workers. These include Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits containing gloves, surgical gowns, surgical and N95 masks, safety glasses, and biosafety bags.

The training of health care workers has also been a priority for PAHO, some of the areas covered included infection prevention and control (IPC),

and critical care management of COVID-19 patients, which was specifically provided for nurses.

With the recent rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine in countries, we continue to call for vaccination of health workers and vulnerable groups like the elderly first, while continuing to advocate and educate on physical distancing, avoiding crowds, wearing masks and practice hand hygiene.

PAHO will continue to work with the Governments of Barbados, and Antigua and Barbuda through their Ministry of Health and Wellness by providing technical assistance and essential COVID-19 related supplies and equipment, in its effort to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

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