



COVID-19 Situation Update - 125

23 March 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.

PAHO Director warns of COVID-19 surge in the Americas



Washington, D.C. March 23, 2021 (PAHO)-- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director Carissa F. Etienne applauded the arrival of over 2.2 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines procured through COVAX but warned that the virus is surging dangerously in many countries in the region.

COVAX, the global alliance to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, has helped deliver over 2.2 million doses to the region so far, including more than 1 million doses that arrived in hard-hit Brazil on Sunday. More doses are expected to arrive this week in Suriname and Belize, and an additional 1.2 million doses have been procured through COVAX.

But “the COVID-19 virus is not receding, nor is the pandemic starting to go away,” Dr. Etienne warned in her weekly media briefing. “Vaccines are coming but they are still several months away for most people in our region,” she said, urging people to continue to respect public health measures – masks, hand wash-

ing, and social distancing – especially during upcoming holidays. “People cannot let down their guard by engaging in close contact with others.”

“Although scale-up has begun, we know it’s not enough,” she continued. “We do not yet have the vaccines we need to protect everyone. It’s what happens when the whole world must rely on too few manufacturers. We must also find ways to share vaccines more equitably among countries.”

As the recognized procurement agent for COVAX in Latin America and the Caribbean, PAHO’s Revolving Fund negotiates, purchases and handles shipment logistics on behalf of the 36 countries participating in COVAX.

In the past week, over 1.2 million people were infected with COVID-19 in the Americas, more than during the previous week, while 31,272 people died of the virus, Dr. Etienne reported. [Read more...](#)

Region of the Americas

54,394,715
cases

1,309,398
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

Global

123,419,065
cases

2,719,163
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
Anguilla	A second vaccine centre has been established and walk-ins are being encouraged especially from the 18-34 age group. Most of those already vaccinated are 50 years and older.
Antigua and Barbuda	39 new COVID-19 cases were reported on 22 nd March 2021
Barbados	15 new positive cases were reported on 22 March 2021. On Sunday, 21 March 2021, Barbados recorded its 40 th COVID-19 related death, a 61 year old woman.
British Virgin Islands	The number of persons vaccinated represents little more than 21% of the population. Most of the vaccinated are frontline workers: health care workers, Customs & Immigration, Prison staff and workers at elderly homes.
Saint Lucia	On 23 March 2021, 17 new cases were reported. 2 COVID-19 related deaths were reported, a 65 year old male and 70 year old female, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 57.

COVID-19 Vaccination highlights:

COUNTRY	TYPE OF VACCINE	NUMBER OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED	
		1st Dose	2nd Dose
Anguilla	AstraZeneca	5,348	-
Antigua and Barbuda	AstraZeneca	25,677	-
Barbados	AstraZeneca	61,781	-
British Virgin Islands	AstraZeneca	6,511	-
Dominica	AstraZeneca	13,565	-
Grenada	AstraZeneca	8,606	-
Montserrat	AstraZeneca	1,112	194
Saint Kitts & Nevis	AstraZeneca	7,775	-
Saint Lucia	AstraZeneca	20,482	-
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AstraZeneca	10,040	-

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	COVID-19 WEB ADDRESS AND HOTLINE
ANGUILLA	23	2	0	11,801	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	1,072	343	28	13,613	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	-	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	3,574	184	40	137,126	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	154	-	1	24,487	Clusters of cases	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	156	15	0	12,325	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	16,764	-	87	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	
GRENADA	154	2	1	23,384	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	11,095	-	169	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	7,264	-	47	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	20	0	1	1,313	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	776	-	1	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	44	-	0	11,359	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	4,149	124	57	33,260	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	1,633	-	12	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	1,700	167	10	39,890	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	48,578	837	454	308,558					


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.

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