



COVID-19 Situation Update - 135

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This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases, deaths and related vaccination status, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories, and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.



Latin America and Caribbean face an “avalanche of worsening health issues” if COVID-19 disruption of health services continues, PAHO warns

Director reports that more than 300,000 children have missed routine immunization. PAHO works to help regional countries find new strategies for delivering vital services and care.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 28, 2021 (PAHO) --The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted essential health services in most countries and territories in Latin America and the Caribbean, threatening immunization of children and care of expectant mothers and people with chronic conditions, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director Carissa F. Etienne warned.

“We therefore urge countries to ensure their COVID-19 responses do not leave other essential health services, like routine immuniza-

tions, behind,” Dr. Etienne said at her weekly press briefing. “These services are not optional,” she said, adding that PAHO is helping countries “adjust and rethink how essential care is delivered at the first level.”

She said that more than 300,000 children, mostly in Mexico and Brazil, have missed routine immunizations, “leaving them vulnerable to deadly yet preventable infections.”

“Coverage of the first dose of measles vaccines dropped by 10% in eight countries in the Americas, including Venezuela, Panama, and Brazil, and dropped as much as 20% in Suriname,” she continued. “If we do not reverse these trends, we risk an avalanche of worsening health issues.”

Region of the Americas

76,999,250
cases

2,006,819
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

749,046,145
total vaccine doses administered

Global

196,763,329
cases

4,203,689
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

3,839,816,037
total vaccine doses administered

She added that in a recent survey of health services in the region, 97% of participating countries and territories reported disrupted health services while 45% reported disruptions in at least half of their health services.

“Soon, COVID-19 will not be the only health crisis demanding countries’ attention,” Dr. Etienne said.

PAHO is supporting countries in finding alternatives for delivering health services. [Read more...](#)

COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
ANGUILLA	Current public health measures mandate that 2021 summer festivals can only be attended by fully vaccinated individuals. This is in keeping with government's duty to protect the public's health.
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	As of 29 July 2021, 8 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed. 30,704 persons are now fully vaccinated.
BARBADOS	As of 29 July 2021, 14 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed by the Best-dos Santos public health laboratory. 75,779 persons representing 28% of the population are now fully vaccinated in Barbados.
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	On 27 July 2021, the British Virgin Islands received an additional 3,040 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine from the United Kingdom. Eight more Covid-19 cases were reported over the last week bringing the total deaths in the British Virgin Islands to 31. 11,438 persons are now fully vaccinated.
DOMINICA	Following an increase in active cases in some communities, effective 30 July 2021 from 7:30pm all social and festive gatherings cancelled. Church services in some communities also cancelled. 19,599 persons are now fully vaccinated.
FRENCH GUIANA	42,012 persons are now fully vaccinated.
GRENADA	Effective July 31 all non-national must be fully vaccinated. Children 13 years and under, traveling with their vaccinated parents/guardians, can quarantine with them for up to 48 hours. Unvaccinated minors between 14 and 18 years old can travel to Grenada with their vaccinated guardians. The entire travel party will be treated as unvaccinated and required to quarantine for up to 7 days. 16,075 persons are now fully vaccinated
GUADELOUPE	Number of positive cases: 1,093 cases in week 2021-29 (327 in 2021-28), 1,719 positive recorded between July 26 and July 30 (2021-30, current week) 50,871 persons are now fully vaccinated.
MARTINIQUE	52,334 persons are now fully vaccinated.
MONTSERRAT	1,295 persons are now fully vaccinated.
SAINT MARTIN	Number of positive cases: 62 cases in week 2021-29 (58 in 2021-28), 66 positive recorded between July 26 and July 30
SAINT BARTHÉLEMY	156 cases in week 2021-29 (8 in 2021-28), 114 positive recorded between July 26 and July 30
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	19,764 persons are now fully vaccinated.
SAINT LUCIA	As of 30 July 2021, 14 new Covid-19 cases were reported from the Ezra Long Laboratory. One new Covid-19 death was also reported, a 97 year old female. 24,602 persons are now fully vaccinated.
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	St. Vincent and the Grenadines is expected to receive 14,000 Covid-19 vaccine doses from the UK Government. 9,909 persons are now fully vaccinated.



COVID-19 Vaccination highlights:

COUNTRY	TYPE OF VACCINE	NUMBER OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED	
		1st Dose	2nd Dose
Anguilla	AstraZeneca	9,428	8,765
Antigua and Barbuda	AstraZeneca	38,146	30,704
Barbados	AstraZeneca	99,544	75,779
British Virgin Islands	AstraZeneca	16,445	11,438
Dominica	AstraZeneca	20,851	19,599
French Guiana		60,265	42,012
Grenada	AstraZeneca	21,371	16,075
Guadeloupe	AstraZeneca	81,628	50,871
Martinique	Pfizer	61,227	52,334
Montserrat	AstraZeneca	1,440	1,295
Saint Barthelemy			
Saint Kitts & Nevis	AstraZeneca	43,628	19,764
Saint Lucia	AstraZeneca	32,237	24,602
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AstraZeneca	15,726	9,909

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	115	02	0	32,373	Imported/Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	1,303	25	43	-	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	-	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	4,379	-	48	216,263	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	2,500	555	31	68,895	Community transmission	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	210	10	0	21,152	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	Yes	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	30,040	-	185	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	
GRENADA	168	03	01	46,026	Imported/Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	18,313	-	280	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	21,753	-	124	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	21	0	01	2,917	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	1,065	-	01	-	Clusters of cases	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	593	46	03	22,365	Community transmission	Closed since 24 May 2021	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	5,581	119	89	33,260	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	2,579	-	30	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	2,291	50	12	60,851	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	90,911	810	848	504,102					

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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How to talk about vaccines



This article is part of a series of explainers on vaccine development and distribution. Learn more about vaccines – from how they work and how they're made to ensuring safety and equitable access – in [WHO's Vaccines Explained series](#).

Vaccines are supported by decades of medical research. They work by preparing the body's own immune system to recognise and defend against a specific disease. The volume of information available about vaccination can be overwhelming, so it's important to talk through the topic.

It's normal to have questions about vaccines and want to make the right decision for you and your loved ones. If someone you know – a friend, family member or colleague – asks questions or expresses concern about vaccines, listen to them, acknowledge their feelings and offer correct information if you can. Be ready to suggest reputable sources of information if they want to learn more.

This article is focused on discussing COVID-19 vaccines but its core lessons are relevant to other vaccines.

[Read more on how to have conversations about vaccination.](#)

Vaccines Campaign

In most countries, vaccinations are not mandatory and thus public willingness to be vaccinated against COVID-19 is of high priority to achieve the goal of reaching herd immunity. As we seek to tackle vaccine hesitancy related to COVID-19 vaccines in the Caribbean and in keeping with the request made by some member states, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) have developed [communication materials](#) to address some of the gaps in knowledge and concerns on the COVID-19 vaccines. Launched 21 May 2021, these communication materials include videos, social media cards, and radio public service announcements. The main topics covered are:


- How vaccines are developed
- How vaccines work
- Vaccine safety
- Side effects of vaccines
- The benefits of vaccines

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