



## COVID-19 Situation Update - 136

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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.



### PAHO Director urges countries to prioritize hard-hit indigenous communities in COVID-19 pandemic responses

Washington, D.C., Aug. 4, 2021 (PAHO)— Pan American Health Organization Director Carissa F. Etienne reported that 617,000 indigenous people have been infected with COVID-19 in the Americas and urged countries to prioritize the hard-hit communities.

“It’s likely that many more have been infected, but we may not know it because they have struggled to get the COVID care they deserve,” she said during her weekly media briefing. She added that “nearly 15,000 (indigenous people) have died from COVID complications since the start of the pandemic.” The statistics are based on data from several countries.

In advance of International Day of

the World’s Indigenous Peoples, observed August 9, Dr. Etienne noted that the pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in the Americas, adding that most indigenous peoples lack the financial and social safety nets to ensure they can continue to provide for their families and communities, even when they’re sick.

Many of our indigenous peoples live in remote and isolated areas where a clinic or a doctor may be many kilometers or days away. Even those who live in urban centers still face invisible barriers – like language, stigma, and poverty – that can keep health care out of reach,” she said.

Countries should engage indigenous groups in the COVID-19

#### Region of the Americas

**78,089,813**  
cases

**2,022,767**  
deaths in

**56**  
countries, areas, or territories

**781,605,163**  
total vaccine doses administered

#### Global

**200,840,180**  
cases

**4,265,903**  
deaths in

**236**  
countries, areas, or territories

**3,984,569,440**  
total vaccine doses administered

response and ensure that health workers are sensitive to the needs and languages of indigenous communities, and “respect the tradition of ancestral medicine still practiced by many of our indigenous peoples,” Dr. Etienne urged.

She noted that 17 countries in the Americas have listed indigenous peoples as a priority group for COVID vaccinations and vaccination campaigns are underway in those and other countries.

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**COVID-19 highlights:**

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
<b>ANGUILLA</b>	In a press release dated August 6, 2021, six (6) COVID-19 cases were confirmed and the Delta variant identified from two previous cases.
<b>ANTIGUA &amp; BARBUDA</b>	<p>The dashboard for August 6, 2021 report eight (8) new COVID-19 cases. 31,157 persons are now fully vaccinated.</p> <p>The latest travel advisory for Antigua and Barbuda was updated August 4, 2021. The government has imposed restrictions to entry into Antigua and Barbuda on ALL persons who have travelled to Brazil and South Africa during the last fourteen (14) days. (This restriction does not apply to flight crews). Passengers from the Dominican Republic are now permitted to travel directly to Antigua and Barbuda. For more information: <a href="https://antigua-barbuda.com/antigua-barbuda-travel-advisory-as-of-4-august-2021">https://antigua-barbuda.com/antigua-barbuda-travel-advisory-as-of-4-august-2021</a></p>
<b>BARBADOS</b>	12 new COVID-19 cases were reported on August 6, 2021. 77,922 persons are now fully vaccinated, which is 28.8% of the population.
<b>BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	<p>12,187 persons are now fully vaccinated.</p> <p>On Tuesday, August 3, thirty-five (35) BVI residents were transported to the US Virgin Islands (USVI) to an alternative COVID-19 vaccine. Only the AstraZeneca brand of the vaccine is available in the BVI. But through a BVI-USVI Vaccination Bubble Initiative, residents are able to travel to the USVI and get either the Pfizer or the Johnson &amp; Johnson vaccines.</p>
<b>DOMINICA</b>	<p>19,661 persons are now fully vaccinated.</p> <p>There is a growing cluster of cases presently occurring in Dominica, as a result new COVID-19 measures including a curfew order was implemented effective August 03, 2021 for 7 days. Select this <a href="#">link</a> for more information.</p>
<b>ST. KITTS AND NEVIS</b>	19,948 persons are now fully vaccinated. The Ministry of Health and Wellnes received a donation of 20 oxygen concentrators from The Republic of China (Taiwan) for the treatment of patients with COVID-19.
<b>SAINT LUCIA</b>	During the period 3-5 August 2021, 25 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed. In an August 5 report the Ministry of Health reported one death, bringing the total deaths in country to 90. 25,275 persons are now fully vaccinated.
<b>SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES</b>	<p>10,008 persons are now fully vaccinated.</p> <p>On August 6, 2021, the Ministry of Health and Wellness was informed by CARPHA of one sample detected with the Delta variant.</p>



## COVID-19 Vaccination highlights:

COUNTRY	TYPE OF VACCINE	NUMBER OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED	
		1st Dose	2nd Dose
Anguilla	AstraZeneca	9,492	8,965
Antigua and Barbuda	AstraZeneca	38,539	31,157
Barbados	AstraZeneca	100,268	77,922
British Virgin Islands	AstraZeneca	16,590	12,187
Dominica	AstraZeneca	20,892	19,661
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	43,866	19,948
Saint Lucia	AstraZeneca	32,583	25,275
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AstraZeneca	15,774	10,008

## 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	121	06	0	-	Imported/Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	<a href="https://beatcovid19.ai/">https://beatcovid19.ai/</a> (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	1,328	39	43	-	Clusters of cases	Open	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	4,455	-	48	225,878	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/">https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/</a> (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	2,500	441	37	-	Community transmission	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19">https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19</a> (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	218	10	0	-	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://dominica.gov.dm/corona">http://dominica.gov.dm/corona</a> (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	30,875	-	193	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	
GRENADA	172	03	01	-	Imported/Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	<a href="https://covid19.gov.gd/">https://covid19.gov.gd/</a> (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	21,125	-	283	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	<a href="https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/</a>
MARTINIQUE	25,251	-	161	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	<a href="https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/</a>
MONTSERRAT	22	0	01	-	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	<a href="https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/">https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/</a>
SAINT BARTHELEMY	1,335	-	01	-	Clusters of cases	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	611	50	03	-	Community transmission	Closed since 24 May 2021	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://www.covid19.gov.kn/">https://www.covid19.gov.kn/</a>
SAINT LUCIA	5,713	202	90	-	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	<a href="https://www.covid19response.lc/">https://www.covid19response.lc/</a>
SAINT MARTIN	2,797	-	30	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	<a href="https://www.stmartinweek.fr/">https://www.stmartinweek.fr/</a>
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	2,298	49	12	62,180	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	<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>98,812</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>903</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.

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## Tracking SARS-CoV-2 Variant in the Americas



*Coordinated by PAHO and comprised of laboratories from 24 countries in the Region, the COVID-19 Genomic Surveillance Regional Network (COVIGEN) monitors the virus that causes COVID-19 to detect any change in its sequence that may influence its ability to spread, disease severity, vaccine effectiveness, treatments, diagnostics, or other public health and social measures. How does the network work? What is the current distribution of the variants of concern? And why is this network important to help end the pandemic and prepare for the future?*

Washington, DC, July 2021 (PAHO) - Fifty samples from people who tested positive for COVID-19 depart from Santo Domingo airport in the Dominican Republic for Rio de Janeiro. Their destination is the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) laboratory for genomic sequencing of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The results of these strategically selected samples representing different regions of the country will produce an overview of circulating variants and provide guidance for public health measures to fight the pandemic. Lack of established capacity for genomic sequencing and monitoring of the virus that causes COVID-19 has not been an issue for the countries of the Americas since the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) created the COVID-19 Genomic Surveillance Regional Network (COVIGEN) in March 2020, comprised of public health laboratories from 24 countries in the Region.

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## 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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