



COVID-19 Situation Update - 140

17 September 2021

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.



International Organizations, Vaccine Manufacturers Agree to Intensify Cooperation to Deliver COVID-19 Vaccines

The heads of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group, World Health Organization and World Trade Organization met with the CEOs of leading vaccine manufacturing companies to discuss strategies to improve the access to COVID-19 vaccines, especially in low- and lower middle-income countries and in Africa. The Task Force expressed concerns that without urgent steps the world is unlikely to achieve the end-2021 target of vaccinating at least 40% of the population in all countries—a critical milestone to end the pandemic and for global economic recovery.

The Task Force members noted that, despite adequate total global vaccine production in the aggregate, the doses are not reaching low- and lower middle-income

countries in sufficient amounts, resulting in a crisis of vaccine inequity. The Task Force encouraged countries that have contracted high amounts of vaccine doses, and vaccine manufacturers, to come together in good faith to urgently accelerate COVID-19 vaccine supplies to COVAX and AVAT, two multilateral mechanisms that are crucial for equitable distribution of vaccines.

Task Force members welcomed the willingness of the CEOs to work collectively with them to end vaccine inequity and their readiness to form a technical working group with the Task Force to exchange and coordinate information on vaccine production and deliveries.

The Task Force stressed that if the

Region of the Americas

87,430,315
cases

2,163,219
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

1,000,096,114
total vaccine doses administered

Global

226,844,344
cases

4,66,334
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

5,634,533,040
total vaccine doses administered

40% coverage threshold is to be reached in all countries by the end of 2021, the following actions need to be taken immediately by governments and vaccine manufacturers:

Release doses to low- and lower middle-income countries:

Task Force members take note that countries with high vaccination rates have collectively pre-purchased over two billion doses in excess of what is required to fully vaccinate their populations. The Task Force calls again on those countries to urgently: i) swap their near-term delivery schedules with COVAX and AVAT, [read more...](#)

COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	Effective October 1, 2021 the COVID-19 vaccine will be mandatory in Antigua and Barbuda. The government announced that with effect from September 20, 2021, all unvaccinated government and private sector employees shall be required to remain home until proof of vaccination is provided. The policy states that as of October 1, 2021 no public sector employee shall be paid a salary or wage for the period of non-compliance. For more information on these new measures: https://www.facebook.com/OPMAntiguaBarbuda
BARBADOS	110 new cases were reported for September 16, 2021. Barbados recorded three more deaths related to COVID-19. On September 15, a 97 year-old and on September 16, two males, a 51 year-old and 93 year-old. The total number of lives lost to the virus in Barbados is now 57.
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	The British Virgin Island will soon be launching a national survey to better understand public perception surrounding vaccination, following low vaccination numbers in the country. The Chief Medical Officer reported that depending on findings, a new approach will be taken towards vaccine education and to better explain the vaccine.
GRENADA	232 new COVID-19 cases were reported in a September 16th dashboard, with 2,306 active cases.
SAINT LUCIA	127 new cases were reported on September 16, 2021 and 2,403 active cases The Ministry of Health received an ISO tank of liquid oxygen from Martinique to assist with the demand for oxygen at the Respiratory Hospital. The oxygen procured will be used to treat COVID-19 patients at the Respiratory Hospital.

COVID-19 Vaccination highlights:

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED	
	1st Dose	2nd Dose
Anguilla	9,496	9,038
Antigua and Barbuda	8,170	36,564
Barbados	123,950	97,050
British Virgin Islands	16,826	12,605
Dominica	23,300	20,671
French Guiana	74,759	62,156
Grenada	30,783	20,827
Guadeloupe	116,767	73,272
Martinique	110,583	82,889
Montserrat	1,440	1,295
Saint Kitts & Nevis	46,884	21,916
Saint Lucia	35,464	28,838
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	19,718	12,896

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

COUNTRY	CONFIRMED CASES	ACTIVE CASES	DEATHS	# OF TESTS	TRANSMISSION TYPE	MASKS MANDATORY	COVID-19 WEB ADDRESS AND HOTLINE
ANGUILLA	331	14	0	-	Clusters of cases	Indoor public places	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	2,463	857	55	-	Clusters of cases	-	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	6,358	-	57	292,019	Community transmission	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	2,642	31	37	-	Community transmission	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	2,758	625	8	64,022	Community transmission	Yes	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	38,021	-	232	-	Community transmission	-	
GRENADA	3,262	2,306	46	65,786	Community transmission	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	51,485	-	695	-	Community transmission	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	40,079	-	585	-	Community transmission	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	33	0	01	-	No cases	-	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	1,613	-	02	-	Clusters of cases	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	1,589	687	09	-	Community transmission	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	10,344	2,403	148	75,886	Community transmission	Specific settings	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	3,659	-	33	-	Community transmission	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	2,613	269	13	71,247	Community transmission	Specific settings	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	167,250	7,192	1,921	568,960			

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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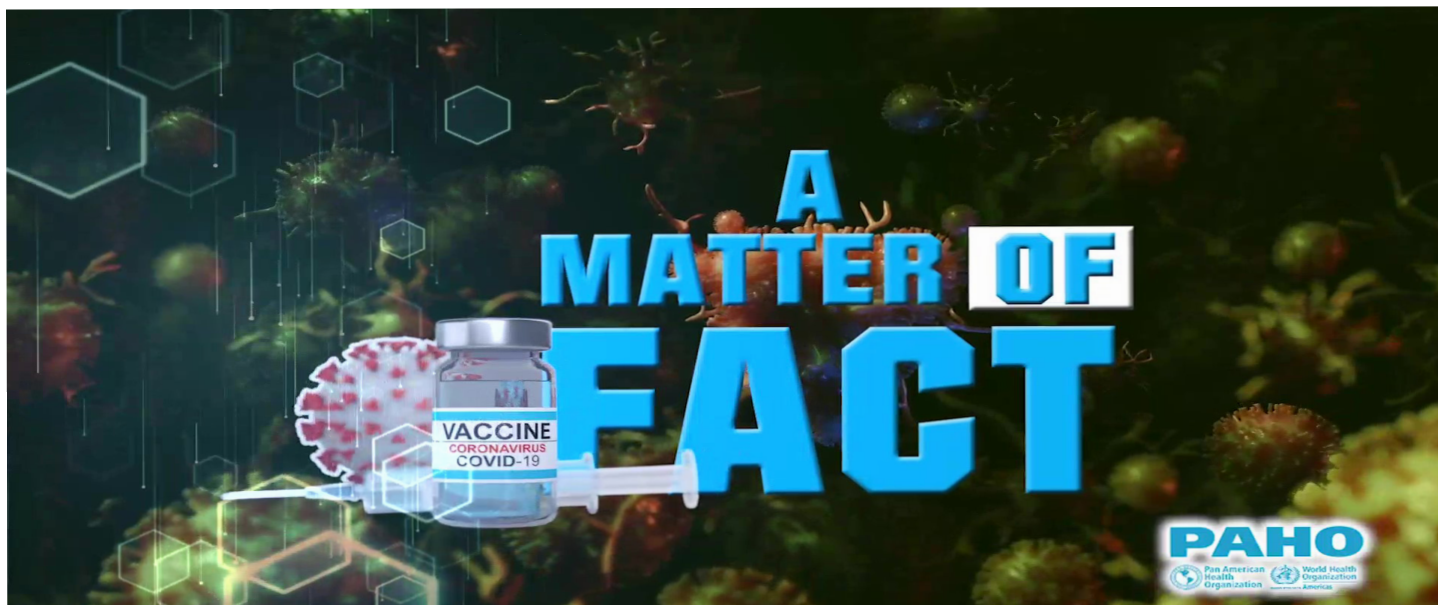
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PAHO's Response

Pillar	Activity	Status
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		
Pillar 3	Epidemiologist hired	Completed
Pillar 3	3 Contact Tracers recruited	In Progress
Pillar 3	3 Data Entry Clerks recruited	In Progress
Pillar 5	Procurement of 50,000 Rapid Antigen Kits	In Progress
Pillar 5	Technical support for setting up new RT-PCR machine at hospital lab (consultant visit scheduled week September 27, 2021)	In Progress
Pillar 6	Advanced IPC training scheduled for week of September 20, 2021 - 42 participants 5 cases of shoe covers, 10,000 biohazard bags & 1,000 bouffant caps	Completed
Pillar 9	11 leaders trained on online format of the Chronic Self Management Programme	Completed
Pillar 10	Communications materials on breast feeding and vaccine hesitancy	Completed
BARBADOS		
Pillar 3	4 Contact Tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 5	100,000 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	2 Laboratory Technologists recruited	Completed
Pillar 7	Procurement of 50 oxygen tanks	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 2 vehicles	In Progress
DOMINICA		
Pillar 4	2 Port Health Surveillance Officers hired	Completed
Pillar 10	7 Vaccine Promoters hired	Completed
Pillar 10	2 vehicles procured and rolled out	Completed
Pillar 10	Mini bus rented with driver to transport health workers	Completed
GRENADA		
Pillar 1	High level Meeting held with the MOH to discuss the upsurge in COVID-19 cases (26/8/2021)	Completed
Pillar 3	2 Surveillance Officers hired	Completed
Pillar 3	Purchase of 8 laptops	In Progress
Pillar 5	60,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits: Primers and probes 8 boxes/125, fast reaction tubes (8 tubes/strip) 0.1µl 3 boxes/300 MicroAmp Optical 8 cap strips 10 bags/500, 1.5 ml DNA/RNA free microcentrifuge PCR tubes 5 cases each, filtered pipette tips (10µl, 200µl, 1000µl)	In Progress
Pillar 6	Advanced IPC training scheduled (week September 20) - 34 participants	Completed
Pillar 10	3 remote monitoring devices procured	Completed
Pillar 10	24 vaccine carriers procured	Completed
Pillar 10	Data entry M & E clerks recruited	Completed
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS		
Pillar 3	3 Contact Tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 4	4 Port Health Surveillance Officers hired	Completed
Pillar 5	10,000 Viral Transport Media (VTM) swabs procured and delivered 10 QIA amp viral RNA Mini Kits x 250	Completed
Pillar 10	5 Data Entry Clerks hired	Completed
Pillar 10	1 laptop received	Completed
Pillar 10	Procurement of 5 laptops	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 2 -20 freezers	In Progress

Pillar 10	Procurement of 1 vehicle (double cam pickup)	In Progress
SAINT LUCIA		
Pillar 5	10,875 Rapid Antigen Kits procured and delivered	Completed
Pillar 10	5 vaccine Data Entry Clerks recruited	Completed
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES		
Pillar 10	10 vaccine Data Entry Clerks hired	Completed
Pillar 10	Vaccine hesitancy survey and communications campaign ongoing	Completed
Pillar 10	EPI coordination consultant hired	Completed
Pillar 10	2 Events Supposedly Attributable to Vaccination or Immunization (ESAVI) trays	In Progress
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)		
Pillar 3	2 Surveillance Officers hired	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Contact Tracer recruited	In Progress
Pillar 3	5 laptops, back-packs and accessories procured	In Progress

PILLAR	DESCRIPTION
Pillar 1	Country level coordination, planning, financing and monitoring
Pillar 2	Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) and infodemic management
Pillar 3	Surveillance, epidemiological investigation, contact tracing, and adjustment of public health and social measures
Pillar 4	Points of Entry, international travel and transport, and mass gatherings
Pillar 5	National laboratories and diagnostics
Pillar 6	Infection prevention and control, and protection of the health workforce
Pillar 7	Case management, clinical operations, and therapeutics
Pillar 8	Operational support and logistics, and supply chains
Pillar 9	Maintaining essential health services and systems
Pillar 10	Vaccination



A Matter of Fact

In the latest episode of A Matter of Fact, Dr. Teri-Ann Joseph, Ministry of Health and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda explains how the COVID-19 vaccine protect us. A Matter of Fact is a production of the PAHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries.

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