

# COVID-19 Situation Update - 15

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

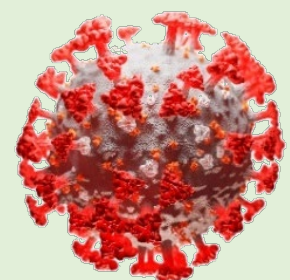
**Today, 7 April 2020, is [World Health Day](#), on this day we celebrate the work of nurses and midwives. Around the world, nurses and other healthcare professionals are on the frontlines of the global fight to slow the spread of COVID-19. Risking their own lives to save others, they inspire all of us with their heroic dedication and sacrifice.**

- The World Health Organization (WHO) continues to recommend and prioritize the use of masks (*medical and respirators*) for front line workers.
- WHO continues to recommend the use of medical masks for symptomatic people in the community for source control, and for people who are caring for sick people at home.
- There is little evidence on the effectiveness of the use of masks by the general community, however WHO offers decision makers with considerations for the use of masks as part of their comprehensive package of control measures.
- COVID-19 is primarily transmitted between people through respiratory droplets (for instance produced when a sick person coughs) and close contact with sick people or contaminated surfaces. Droplets are too large to be airborne for long periods of time, and quickly settle out of air. This is why WHO recommends that everyone maintain hand and respiratory hygiene and regularly clean and disinfect surfaces.
- In the context of COVID-19, airborne transmission may be possible in specific circumstances and settings in which procedures that generate aerosols are performed, generally in healthcare settings. The use of medical masks and respirators should be prioritized for these circumstances.

**BE AWARE.**

**PREPARE.**

**ACT.**



## Updates

### Global

**1,282,931** confirmed cases,  
**72,776** deaths *in*  
**206** countries, areas or territories

### PAHO - Region of the Americas

**417,416** confirmed cases,  
**12,597** deaths *in*  
**54** countries, areas or territories

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

Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	No of Tests	Transmission Type	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	-	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	<a href="https://beatcovid19.ai/">https://beatcovid19.ai/</a> (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	19	2	55	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes (9 April 2020)	<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	63	3	602	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (14 April 2020)	<a href="https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/">https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/</a> (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	3	0	52	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (16 April 2020)	<a href="https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19">https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19</a> (284) 852-7650
Dominica	15	0	293	Cluster cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (20 April 2020)	<a href="http://dominica.gov.dm/corona">http://dominica.gov.dm/corona</a> (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	68	0	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	
Grenada	12	0	45	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (20 April 2020)	<a href="https://covid19.gov.gd/">https://covid19.gov.gd/</a> (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	139	7	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	<a href="http://www.guadeloupe.gouv.fr">http://www.guadeloupe.gouv.fr</a>
Martinique	149	4	-	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (15 April 2020)	<a href="http://www.martinique.gouv.fr/">http://www.martinique.gouv.fr/</a>
Montserrat	8	0	36	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	- (14 April 2020)	<a href="http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/">http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/</a>
*Saint Barthélemy	6								
Saint Lucia	14	0	220	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
*Saint Martin	31								
St Kitts & Nevis	11	0	186	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (9 April 2020)	<a href="https://www.covid19.gov.kn/">https://www.covid19.gov.kn/</a>
St Vincent & the Grenadines	7	0	31	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	<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>548</b>	<b>16</b>							

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories. ‘Sporadic cases only’ indicates countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected. ‘Cluster 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.



# PAHO's Response

During country missions when PAHO deployed teams to assist with Infection Prevention Control (IPC), Health Systems Organization, Risk Communication and Community Engagement, nurses were always at the forefront. Today, World Health Day, as we celebrate nurses and midwives, we are pleased to share a few of the moments.



Tour of the Emergency Room of the Bequia Hospital in St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Inspecting an COVID-19 triaging station at the Bequia Hospital



In St Kitts, an Infection Prevention and Control Nurse outside the National Emergency Management Agency after completing IPC training of Health staff



The team with Cuban nurses in Grenada



In Bequia, nurses working on organization of health services simulation exercise



In Grenada, demonstration of donning and doffing of PPE.

For more information on COVID-19 visit: [www.paho.org/coronavirus](http://www.paho.org/coronavirus)  
Visit our website: [www.paho.org/ecc](http://www.paho.org/ecc)

