

COVID-19 Situation Update - 16

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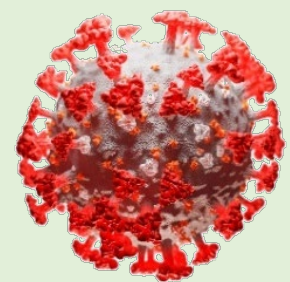
This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

- The World Health Organization (WHO) believes that in addition to a pandemic, with COVID-19 the world faces what it calls an “infodemic.”
- An infodemic is an overload of information on a problem that makes it harder to find a solution. During a health emergency, an infodemic can amplify mistakes, misinformation, and rumors. It can also hinder an effective response and create confusion and mistrust about the solutions or advice given to prevent the disease.
- The media play a key role in providing the public with clear, understandable information, while promoting behavior that allows people to protect their health and that of their loved ones.
- By disseminating accurate information, the media can also minimize rumors and misinformation, helping reduce public anxiety and fears about this new threat.
- **WHO MASK GUIDANCE:** The WHO published guidance for the use of face masks, including by the general public in the community. The guidance indicates that there is sufficient evidence that proper face mask use by infected individuals can reduce the risk of transmission for influenza-like illnesses, including coronaviruses.

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Updates

Global

1,394,088 confirmed cases,
81,630 deaths *in*
209 countries, areas or territories

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454,710 confirmed cases,
14,775 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	-	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	19	2	55	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes (9 April 2020)	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	63	3	602	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (14 April 2020)	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	3	0	52	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (16 April 2020)	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	15	0	293	Cluster cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (20 April 2020)	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	77	0	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	
Grenada	12	0	45	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (20 April 2020)	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	139	7	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	152	4	-	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (15 April 2020)	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	8	0	36	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	- (14 April 2020)	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	6	0							
Saint Lucia	14	0	220	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Saint Martin	31	2							https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	11	0	186	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (16 April 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	7	0	31	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	560	18							

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

PAHO has developed several materials aimed at informing populations about health risks posed by COVID-19, as well as measures they can take to protect themselves. Today we feature one in a series of infographics, which can be found on our [COVID-19](#) web page.

COVID-19

Coronavirus Disease 2019

10 WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING CONDITIONS LIVING WITH YOU

-  **Monitor their health for symptoms of COVID-19**, like fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.
-  **If anyone in the household has symptoms**, avoid physical contact and take heightened prevention measures.
-  **If they have COVID-19 symptoms**, contact a healthcare provider immediately.
-  **Encourage them to maintain a healthy lifestyle:** eat nutritious foods, get enough sleep, don't smoke, stay active and limit alcohol use.
-  **Regularly clean and disinfect surfaces** and keep the house well ventilated.
-  **Avoid sharing objects** like glasses, cutlery and towels.
-  **Make sure they have at least a month's stock of all their regular medicines** in case it's necessary to stay home. Encourage them to follow medical advice about medication.
-  **Follow social distancing measures** in your area **and avoid shared spaces and large gatherings.**
-  **If going to the doctor**, wear a mask, if available, and **avoid public transport if possible.**
-  **Be kind and show empathy.** Talk and listen to them. Help them cope with stress.



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