

COVID-19 Situation Update - 17

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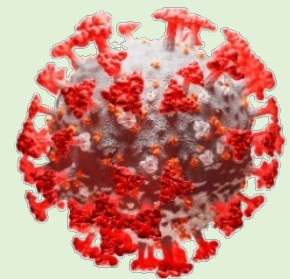
This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

- The WHO published guidance for the use of face masks, including by the general public in the community, 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.
- The WHO believes that in addition to a pandemic, with COVID-19 the world faces what it calls an “infodemic”, which is an overload of information on a problem that makes it harder to find a solution. During a health emergency, it can amplify mistakes, misinformation, and rumors. Infodemics can also hinder an effective response and create confusion and mistrust about the solutions or advice given to prevent the disease.
- By disseminating accurate information, the media can minimize rumors and misinformation, helping reduce public anxiety and fears about this new threat.
- 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.

BE AWARE.

PREPARE.

ACT.



Updates

Global

1,436,198 confirmed cases,
85,522 deaths *in*
209 countries, areas or territories

PAHO - Region of the Americas

493,173 confirmed cases,
17,038 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 (17 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	83	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	141	8	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	154	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	32	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	8	0	31	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	572	19							

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

Since the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, PAHO has actively kept its partners and stakeholders well-informed on the current situation and general preparedness for the virus. Today, this information sharing continued when Dr Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, participated in a webinar hosted by the Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU), on the current status and future trends of COVID-19 in the region. Other panelists were, Dr Joy St John, Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and Mr Ronald Jackson, Executive Director of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

The webinar may be viewed via this [link](#).



Dr Yitades Gebre – PAHO/WHO Representative



Dr Joy St John – CARPHA Executive Director



Mr Ronald Jackson – CDEMA Executive Director



Ms Jewel Forde – Session Moderator from the Caribbean Broadcasting Cooperation (CBC)

For more information on COVID-19 visit: www.paho.org/coronavirus
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