

COVID-19 Situation Update - 24

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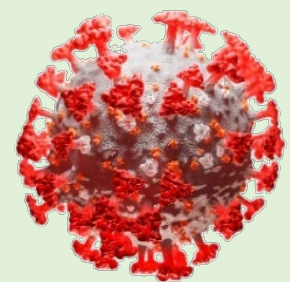
This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

- The COVID-19 pandemic continues to create an acute shortage of essential supplies, including personal protective equipment, diagnostics and medical equipment. WHO continues strengthening supply networks, forecasting required supplies, sending critical shipments to countries for their COVID-19 response and processing country requests for critical supplies through a global supply chain coordination platform.
- WHO's priority is that frontline health workers are able to access essential health supplies, including personal protective equipment, including medical masks and respirators.
- WHO is constantly analyzing data as we receive it and working closely with global experts on a range of topics. To better understand the transmission, epidemiology and clinical features of the virus, WHO has developed research protocols that are being used in more than 40 countries, in a coordinated way.
- WHO is working with our networks of researchers and other experts to coordinate global work on surveillance, epidemiology, forecasting, diagnostics, clinical care and treatment, and other ways to identify, manage the disease and limit onward transmission.

BE AWARE.

PREPARE.

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Updates

Global

2,354,392 confirmed cases,
165,269 deaths *in*
212 countries, areas or territories

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893,957 confirmed cases,
47,941 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	17	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (12 May 2020)	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	23	2	73	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes (17 April 2020)	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	75	5	1,063	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (3 May 2020)	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	4	1	67	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (25 April 2020)	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	16	0	324	Cluster cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (11 May 2020)	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	97	0	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	
Grenada	14	0	103	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (20 April 2020)	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	148	11	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	163	12	-	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (15 April 2020)	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	11	0	57	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	- (20 April 2020)	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	6	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	15	0	306	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	37	2						-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	15	0	243	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (16 April 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	12	0	88	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	-	-	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	639	33							

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 provides direct technical assistance to strengthen laboratory testing in the Eastern Caribbean Countries:

- The PAHO Incident Management Team (IMT) includes a laboratory team that has trained and equipped national laboratories of the Eastern Caribbean including Barbados. As commercial flights are unavailable since mid-March in most of the countries, the lab team and the IMT in the Barbados country office use remote communications including video calls to troubleshoot in labs.
- The national lab in Barbados was trained in February by a PAHO virologist, on the use of the La Charite PCR protocol.
- PAHO from February to 10 April has implemented regionally 5 rounds of shipments of *primers, probes, positive controls* (both in-house and kits formats), *enzymes* and *RNA extraction kits*.
- During this period PAHO has provided Barbados with enough reagents for running 18,000 PCR tests (last shipment on 9 April with 11,000 tests).
- The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) has also received from PAHO as a donation in multiple rounds of shipment *primers, probes, positive controls* (total of 29,000 PCR Totests), *enzymes* and *RNA extraction kits*.
- CARPHA is supporting countries and territories with no laboratory capacities.
- All Caribbean countries and territories with PCR capacity *Antigua & Barbuda, St Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada*, will receive tests and other reagents before the end of April according to needs.