# COVID-19 Situation Update - 4























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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 most effective way to prevent infections and save lives is breaking the chains of transmission. To do that, you must test and isolate.

The World Health Organization (WHO) continues to recommend that people who are contacts of laboratory-confirmed cases, be quarantined for 14 days from the last time they were exposed to a COVID-19 patient. This is because people infected with COVID-19 can still infect others *after* they stop feeling sick, WHO has recommended that people infected with COVID-19 isolate themselves for 2 weeks *after* they stop feeling sick.

#### **Updates**

#### Global

336,354 confirmed cases, 14,549 deaths in 191 countries, areas or territories.

**BE AWARE.** 

PREPARE.

ACT.

#### **PAHO - Region of the Americas**

**40,441** confirmed cases, **504** deaths in **47** countries, areas or territories

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

Barbados has recorded a total of 17 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Dominica and Grenada each recorded their first confirmed case. Antigua & Barbuda and Saint Lucia each recorded two (2) additional confirmed cases.



Country	Confirmed	Death	Status	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance
Anguilla	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Antigua & Barbuda	3	-	Imported cases only	Yes	-	-
Barbados	17	-	Imported cases / 1 local transmission	Yes	Yes	Yes
British Virgin Islands	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-
Dominica	1	-	Imported cases only	-	-	-
French Guiana	19	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	1	-	Imported cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guadeloupe	58	-	-	-	-	-
Martinique	44	-	Imported cases only	-	-	-
Montserrat	1	-	Imported cases only	Yes	-	-
Saint Lucia	3	-	Imported cases only	Yes	Yes	-
St Kitts & Nevis	-	-	-	-	Yes	-
St Vincent & the Grenadines	1	-	Imported cases only	-	-	-
Total	148		•			

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories. 'Imported cases only' indicates locations where all cases have been acquired outside the location of reporting.

Data in red new.

### PAHO's Response

- Provide countries with COVID-19 test kits and train laboratory staff
- Conduct COVID-19 briefing sessions for partners and stakeholders

- Deploy teams to assist with Infection Prevention Control (IPC), Health Systems Organization, Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- Train countries in Risk Communication and Clinical Management
- Provide communications materials including posters and banners
- Conduct needs assessment and country gap analysis with national authorities
- Provide countries with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits





