

# COVID-19 Situation Update - 6

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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.
- There is currently no strong data to suggest that people living with HIV (PLHIV) are at a higher risk of acquiring SARS-CoV-2 or developing more severe COVID-19 if they do acquire it, especially if their immune system is not compromised, although people with underlying conditions and a weaker immune system may be most vulnerable to COVID-19 infection.

## Updates

### Global

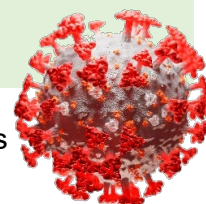
**423,510** confirmed cases, **18,597** deaths in **196** countries, areas or territories.

### PAHO - Region of the Americas

**70,877** confirmed cases, **682** deaths in **48** countries, areas or territories

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

**BE AWARE.  
PREPARE.  
ACT.**



Yesterday, Dominica recorded five (5) new case, Montserrat a second case and St Kitts & Nevis its first two (2) cases.

Country	Confirmed	Deaths	Status	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency
Anguilla	0	0	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Antigua & Barbuda	3	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	-
Barbados	18	0	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
British Virgin Islands	0	0	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dominica	7	0	Clusters cases only	-	-	-	-
French Guiana	23	0	?	-	Yes	-	-
Grenada	1	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guadeloupe	73	0	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-
Martinique	57	0	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-
Montserrat	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	-
Saint Lucia	3	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
St Kitts & Nevis	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	-
St Vincent & the Grenadines	1	0	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>0</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.

## PAHO's Response

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PAHO deployed teams to assist with Infection Prevention Control (IPC), Health Systems Organization, Risk Communication and Community Engagement



Prime Minister Hon Roosevelt Skerritt address the PAHO team during the visit to Portsmouth isolation facility



Minister for Health, Wellness and New Health Investment, Dr Irvine McIntyre, discussing COVID-19 public health measures with the PAHO team



Nurse attending one of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) workshops



Dr Carl Munroe, Medical Officer, Accident and Emergency Unit, New Dominica China Friendship Hospital