

COVID-19 Situation Update - 9

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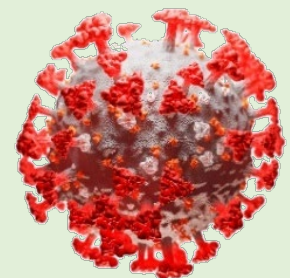
This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

- The key to controlling COVID-19 is the detection and isolation of all cases and the tracing and quarantine of their contacts.
- To establish this capacity in the countries, it is recommended to establish and maintain case-based COVID-19 surveillance and to expand national capacity for laboratory confirmation.
- 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.
- No treatment and vaccine exist yet but researchers around the world are working hard on this. So far, WHO has received applications for review and approval of 40 diagnostic tests, 50 vaccines are in development and many clinical trials of therapeutics are underway. We expect the first results in a few weeks.
- To ensure clear evidence of which treatments are most effective, WHO and its partners are organizing a large international study, the SOLIDARITY TRIAL, to compare different treatments in many countries and generate the robust data we need to show which treatments are the most effective.
- The trial provides simplified procedures to enable even hospitals that have been overloaded to participate.

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Updates

Global

693,224 confirmed cases,
33,106 deaths *in*
202 countries, areas or territories

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163,068 confirmed cases,
2,836 deaths *in*
51 countries, areas or territories

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

Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	Transmission Type	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency
Anguilla	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Antigua & Barbuda	7	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
Barbados	33	0	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
British Virgin Islands	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Dominica	7	0	Clusters cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
French Guiana	31	0	?	-	Yes	Yes	-

Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	Transmission Type	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency
Grenada	9	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guadeloupe	96	2	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-
Martinique	105	2	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-
Montserrat	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	-
Saint Lucia	9	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
St Kitts & Nevis	8	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
St Vincent & the Grenadines	1	0	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-
Total	312	4					

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. CORRECTION no State of Emergency declared in the British Virgin Islands

PAHO's Response

As part of PAHO's continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are being donated to countries.



PAHO Country Program Specialist in Anguilla, Mrs Valerie Beach-Horne (center), officially presented some PPE kits to the Minister of Health, Hon Evans McNeil Rogers



PAHO Country Program Specialist in St Kitts and Nevis, Ms Katrina Smith (center), officially presented some PPE kits to Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Dr Delores Stapleton-Harris.

WHO has partnered with **Whatsapp** and **Facebook** and launched an easy-to-use messaging service to help keep people safe from coronavirus.

Receive the latest news and information on coronavirus straight to your phone, including details on symptoms, situation updates, frequently asked questions, and how people can protect themselves and others with correct information.

Text "hi" to get started.

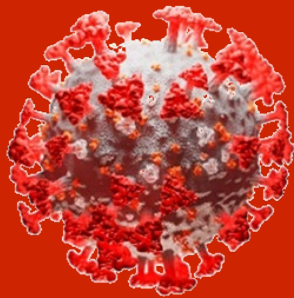
Have questions about **COVID-19**?
We have answers



Click this link and
text hi to
the whatsapp number



Statement regarding fraudulent messages about PAHO/WHO and COVID-19



Fraudulent messages are being shared about the new coronavirus COVID-19, claiming to be from the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization. The majority of these are via email but others are shared on websites or social media platforms.

Many of these messages request information under the false premise that funds, or other benefits, will be received by the Organization.

PAHO/WHO wishes to warn the public that these messages do not come from PAHO/WHO and are in no way related to the Organization's projects or initiatives. PAHO/WHO recommends that anyone in receipt of these types of message verifies their authenticity before responding.

The Organization recommends that no personal information be sent to anyone who claims to issue funds or grants on behalf of PAHO/WHO.

For official information for the public, please check the PAHO website (www.paho.org) and the WHO website (www.who.int). For more information on COVID-19, visit www.paho.org/coronavirus. The Organization's official social media accounts are: Twitter (@pahowho), Facebook (@PAHO-WHO), Instagram (@OPSPAHO) y LinkedIn (pan-american-health-organization).

