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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.

Honourable Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados and Chair of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM address the 73rd World Health Assembly



We have watched how COVID decimated rich and powerful nations with strong curative care systems - killing their people, over running their health care systems, and halting business. And so early on, CARICOM decided that we cannot fight the illness, and that we had to delay the arrival of COVID-19 into the region as far as possible.

These were some of the remarks by Hon Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados when she made a virtual address to the 73rd annual World Health Assembly on 18 May 2020.

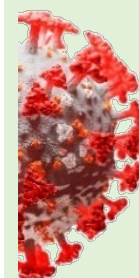
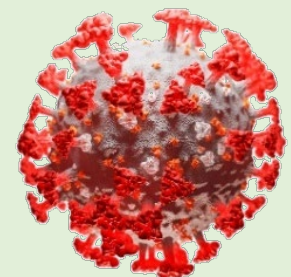
Prime Minister Mottley mentioned the regional agencies mobilized to assist with the COVID-19 response, including public health like the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), modeling like the University of the West Indies (UWI), disaster preparedness and mitigation like the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and the Joint Regional Communications Centre (JRCC) of CARICOM, tracking movement of persons through borders.

“The Caribbean region’s economies rank among the most travel and tourism -dependent economies in the world. This has exposed our people and our economies in a way that we have not experienced

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since becoming independent nations more than fifty years ago in some instances.”

She said that “as we reflect on events of the last three months were it not for the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), or CARPHA, the Caribbean Public Health Agency and more recently WHO, we would believe that we were living in the “wild wild west” that we see in movies where only those who are strong and well-endowed should survive.”

The Prime Minister noted the inherent vulnerability to which the Caribbean is exposed, and which prevents from accessing critical money and goods. She said the use of certain proxy criteria to access technologies, medicines, vaccines or concessional funds and grants, would exclude vulnerable countries in the Caribbean, some in Latin American and even the Pacific.

“Where there is global market failure as is happening now, small middle-income states are at risk of not being seen or heard or not even accessing critical goods and supplies. I take this opportunity to thank Dr. Tedros for reaching out to the Executive Director of the Global Fund last evening, to advocate for the countries in the region that have been excluded from procurement through the consortium of critical COVID-19 medical supplies. We need to be included.”

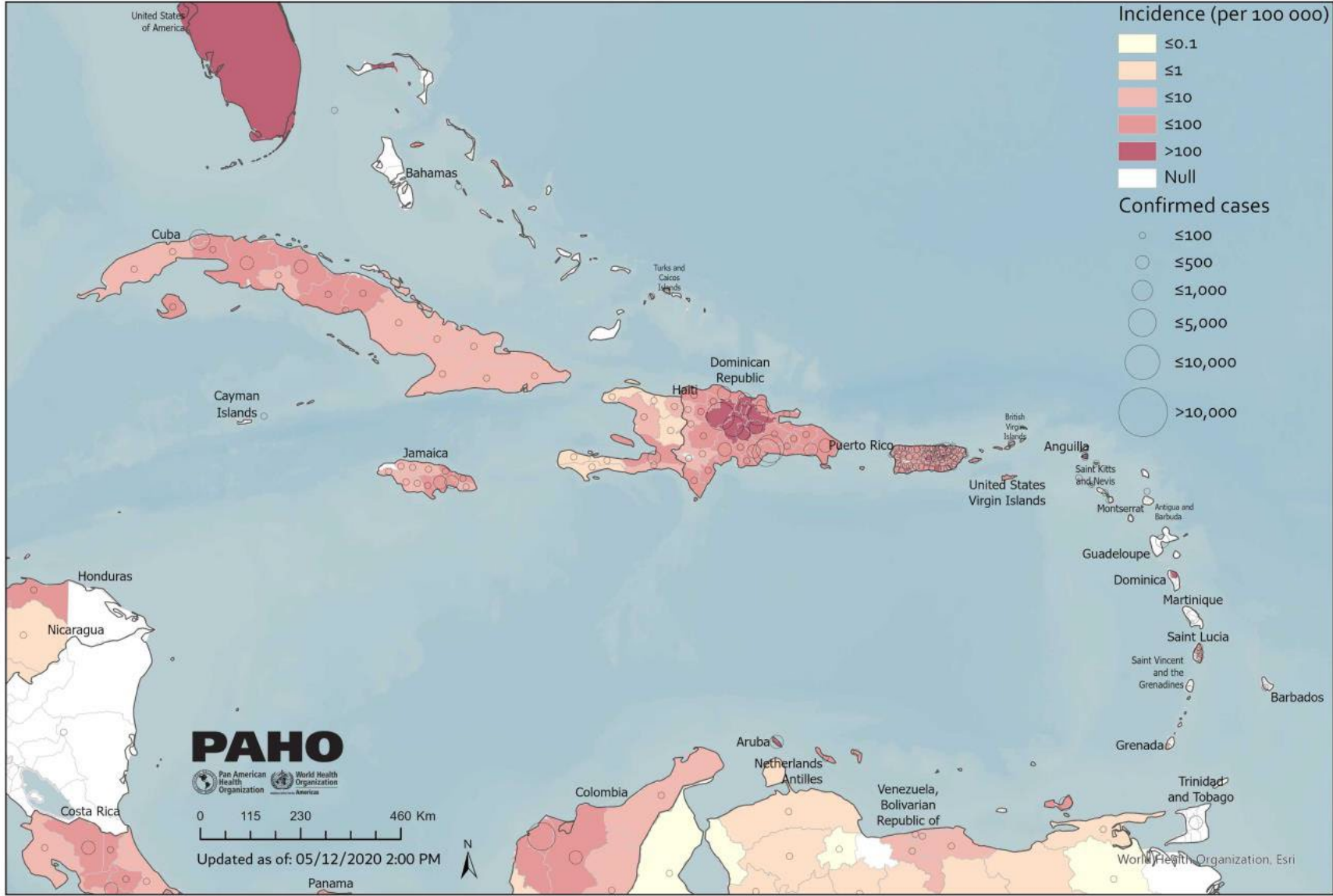
The prime minister’s full speech may be [downloaded](#) from the Government Information Service website.



Updates

Global	PAHO - Region of the Americas
4,628,903 confirmed cases,	2,082,868 confirmed cases,
312,009 deaths <i>in</i>	124,668 deaths <i>in</i>
216 countries, areas or territories	54 countries, areas or territories

Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 18 May 2020



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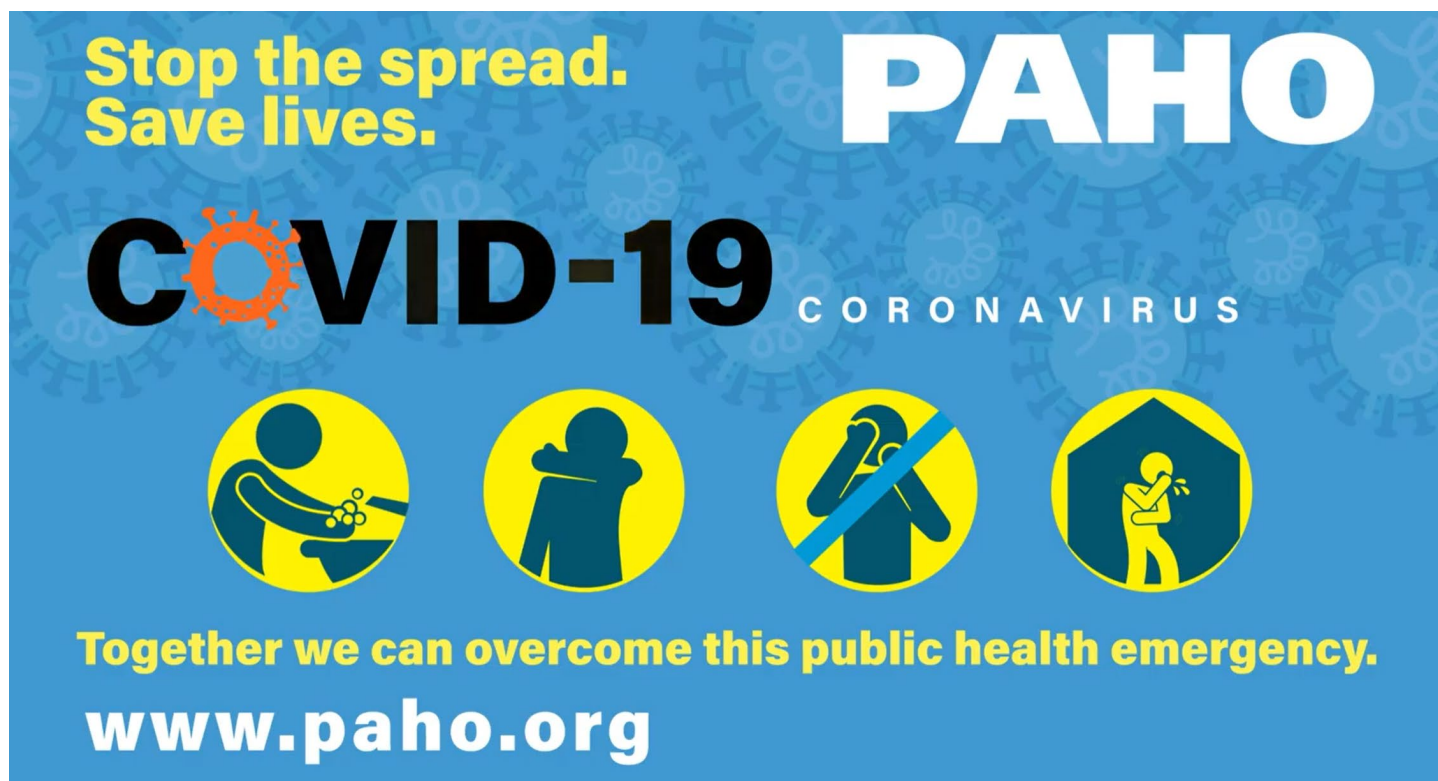
Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories

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	18	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	25	3	137	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (14 May 2020)	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	88	7	4,004	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (31 May 2020)	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	8	1	157	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (4 May 2020)	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	16	0	433	Clusters cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (26 May 2020)	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	197	1	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	
Grenada	22	0	454	Clusters of case	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (19 May 2020)	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	155	13	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	192	14	-	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (15 April 2020)	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	11	1	61	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	- (22 May 2020)	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	6	0	-	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	18	0	490	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (31 May 2020)	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	39	3		Sporadic cases only				-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	15	0	335	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (9 May 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	17	0	116	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	-	-	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	812	43							

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. 'Clusters 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.




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The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting communities all over the world. From its Washington, D.C., headquarters, 27 country offices, and three specialized centers in the region, PAHO/WHO is leading the efforts in the region to support the countries in preventing, detecting, and responding to the pandemic. In addition to monitoring the response, PAHO/WHO is also covering the procurement of supplies. [Here are some of the ways PAHO/WHO is responding to COVID-19 in the Region of the Americas.](#)



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