



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.

New COVID-19 Law Lab to provide vital legal information and support for the global COVID-19 response

Launched 22 July 2020, the COVID-19 Law Lab initiative gathers and shares legal documents from over 190 countries across the world to help states establish and implement strong legal frameworks to manage the pandemic. The goal is to ensure that laws protect the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities and that they adhere to international human rights standards.

The new Lab (at www.COVIDLawLab.org) is a joint project of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University.

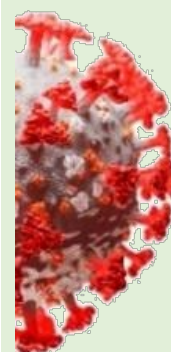
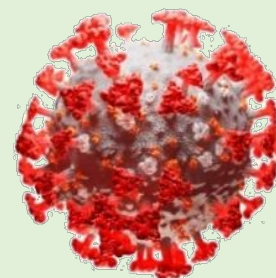
Well-designed laws can help build strong health systems; evaluate and approve safe and effective drugs and vaccines; and enforce actions to create healthier and safer public spaces and workplaces. Critically, they are key to effective implementation of the WHO International Health Regulations: surveillance; infection prevention and control; management of travel and trade; and implementation of measures to maintain essential health services.

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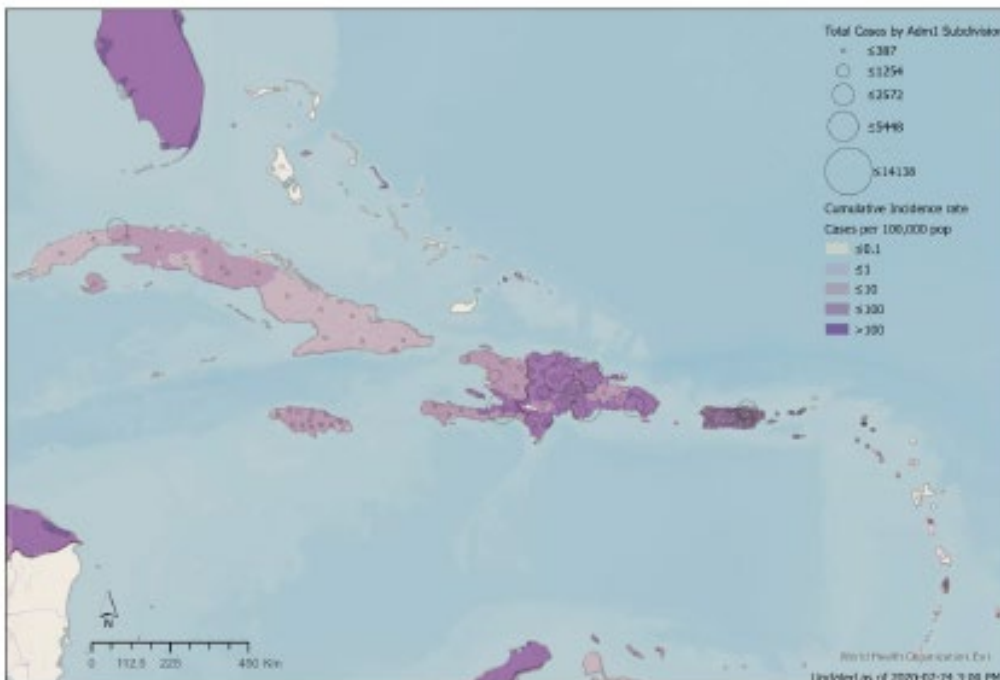
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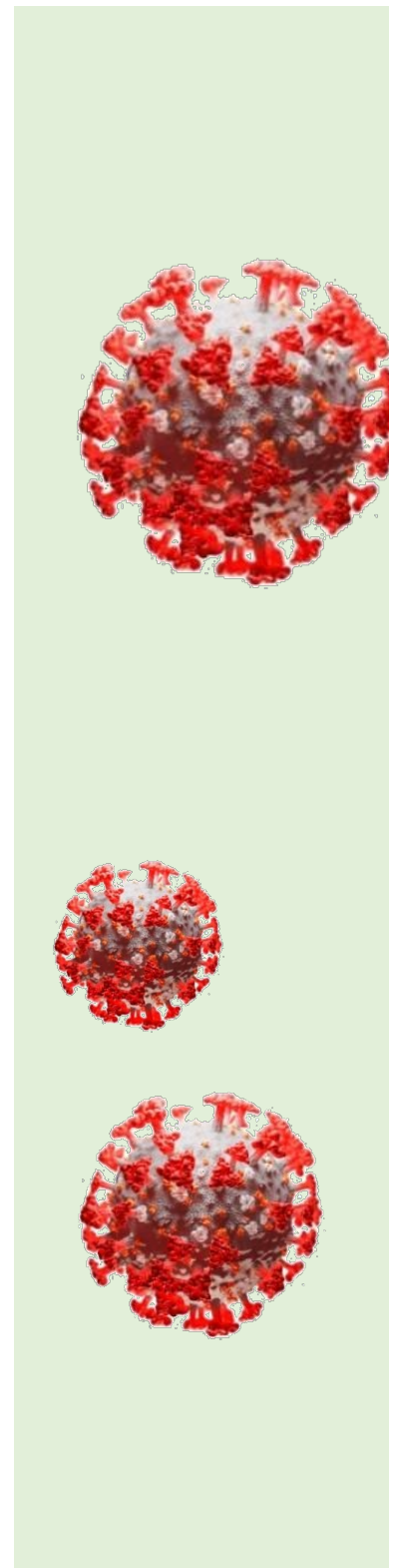
COVID-19 case update:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	no new cases for 111 days
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 24 July 2020
Barbados	last case on 24 July 2020
British Virgin Islands (UK)	no new cases for 71 days
Dominica	no new cases for 54 days
Grenada	no new cases for 60 days
Montserrat	no new cases for 14 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 10 July 2020
Saint Lucia	last case on 14 July 2020
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	no new case for 3 days

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 24 July 2020.



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Updates

Global

15,467,537 confirmed cases,
632,977 deaths *in*
216 countries, areas, or territories

PAHO - Region of the Americas

8,292,311 confirmed cases,
329,699 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	Status of Schools	Travel Restrictions	Masks Mandatory	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	453	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	82	3	966	Clusters of cases	-	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	108	7	10,140	Clusters of cases	Varied stages of reopening	Yes	Yes	No	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	8	1	900	Sporadic cases only	Partial opening	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	18	0	1022	Clusters cases only	Schools closed	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	7,251	41	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	23	0	961	Clusters of case	Partial reopening of schools	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	195	14	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	269	15	-	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	12	1	151	No cases	Partial reopening of schools	Yes	No	No	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	6	0	-	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	
Saint Lucia	24	0	2,597	Sporadic cases only	-	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	46	3		Sporadic cases only	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Kitts & Nevis	17	0	931	No cases	Schools closed	Yes	Yes	Yes (27 July 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	52	0	1,644	Sporadic cases only	Partial reopening of schools	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	8,114	85	19,765						

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.


TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR BARBADOS AND THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

Country / Territory	Entry Requirement / Testing / Prior Up on Arrival	Entry Requirements / Quarantine Days	Entry Requirement / Fee For Testing / Quarantine
 ANGUILLA (borders open only for returning nationals/residents, and crew of aircraft and ship)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-travel registration and health assessment Ports closed to regional and international traffic until 30 July 2020 	Mandatory 14-day quarantine	Release from quarantine conditional to a negative test for COVID-19
 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face mask on disembarkation Negative RT-PCR test within 7 days of travel Health declaration form Health and temperature screening upon arrival 	Quarantine up to 14 days at home, hotel, or a government facility	No cost for testing upon arrival and no cost for quarantine at Government facilities
 BARBADOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face mask while at the airport Negative RT-PCR test prior to arrival Health screening upon arrival Entry denial if no evidence of a negative RT-PCR upon arrival and refusal to be tested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for contacts of a positive case Citizens, permanent residents, and those with a permanent status will also be quarantined if no evidence of a negative RT-PCR result and refusal to be tested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing upon arrival if no evidence of a negative RT-PCR test. No cost for testing and for accommodation while waiting for the results unless the test is done at a hotel (US\$150) Second test after 7 days for passengers from high risk areas (USA, Brazil, other parts of Latin America, and Eastern Europe)
 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Travel online application form Inspection of residences to ascertain suitability for home quarantine Mandatory wearing of mask at airport Health Screening on arrival 	Mandatory 14-day quarantine	Release from quarantine conditional on a negative COVID-19 test
 DOMINICA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-arrival online health questionnaire Paper-based form/kiosk system at arrival if unable to complete the online form Negative RT-PCR result take within 24-72 hours upon arrival Health and temperature screening upon arrival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for 24- 48 for travelers without a PCR test result done within 24 - 72 hrs. while awaiting PCR test result IGM positive test or clinical symptoms Quarantine for 24- 48 hrs. while awaiting PCR test result. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid testing is done on all PCR Negative Result Free of cost upon arrival IF igM positive or travelers present with symptom a PCR test will be done. Screening by RT-PCR if no PCR test present done within 24-72 hrs.

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			If Traveler present with fever or positive IgM test a PCR test will be done
 GRENADA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of a negative COVID-19 PCR Test within 7 days – if travel from a medium or a high-risk country • Pre-travel Health Declaration Form • Travel insurance for non-nationals or agreement to cover the cost for treatment and isolation • Pre-travel downloading of the contact tracing app • Face mask or face covering is required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For travelers from low and medium risk countries 14-day quarantine at a state approved quarantine facility if positive PCR test • For travelers from high risk countries those testing negative on PCR 14-day quarantine at a state approved quarantine facility. For those testing positive they are quarantined for 14-days at a state facility. • Release from quarantine after 2 negative PCR test results within 48 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCR test is required if the traveler from a low or medium risk country tests positive on the rapid test on arrival. Results expected within 24h to 48h. • All persons travelling from high risk countries will be tested via PCR on arrival. • First Mandatory rapid and/or PCR test is free. • Additional rapid test is USD 30 • Additional PCR test is USD 150. • State Quarantine USD 50/night (does not include meals)
 MONTSERRAT (borders open only for returning nationals/residents, and crew of aircraft and ship)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-travel online “Access Declaration Form” within 3 days of travel • Mandatory mask wearing at the airport • Health screening including travel history and address / place of residence in the past 14 days 	Quarantine for 14 days for all returning nationals / residents and for the crew members	Testing is not mentioned in the protocol
 SAINT KITTS & NEVIS (borders open only for returning nationals / residents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face Mask on disembarkation • Health Declaration Form to be filled out • Health and temperature screening • PCR test on arrival • Compulsory filling out of the section on the immigration form on travel history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14-day quarantine in a Government facility • PCR test conducted at least 48-72 hours prior to leaving quarantine • Immediate Isolation of a positive PCR test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US\$100.00 for the PCR test • US\$500.00 for the 14 day stay in the Government facility (Not inclusive of meals) • Testing result is required on exiting the country and the test must be done within 7 days of departure
 SAINT LUCIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-arrival online registration • Negative RT-PCR test within 7 days of travel except if travel from the Travel Bubble including OECS, Barbados, Jamaica, Guyana, Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-arrival online registration • Negative RT-PCR test within 7 days of travel except if travel from the Travel Bubble including OECS, Barbados, Jamaica, Guyana, Bahamas, Turks and 	Testing upon arrival at the traveler’s cost if no evidence of a negative RT-PCR test result

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 <p>SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES</p> <p><small>*Information extracted from COVID-19 Protocols for Entry of Travelers to St. Vincent and the Grenadines dated 19/7/2020.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-travel online application form can be completed ahead of time OR via hard copy on arrival For the period 1-31 July (Phase 1)-PCR test results will be accepted from a reputable facility within 5 days of arrival into country (Passengers from the USA excluded) If PCR test completed upon arrival, a mandatory quarantine period of 24 hours is required <p>For Travelers from the United States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must arrive with a negative COVID-19 result Proof of Reservation for 5 nights in a Tourism Authority/Ministry of Health approved hotel for 5 nights and will be quarantined for 5 days Traveler will be tested after 5 days, and if negative be released from quarantine and will continue to quarantine in an approved home/facility for 9-16 days If positive, procedures for isolation will apply Other conditions apply from 1 August (Phase 2) with special considerations for certain countries within CARICOM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quarantine for persons with documented negative test result upon arrival but self-monitoring of temperature and disease symptoms encouraged 	Testing by rapid test and RT-PCR if no evidence of a negative test result at arrival

*Disclaimer: *The above travel requirements are compiled based on available press releases, social media postings and government officials' statements. For up to date information please contact respective governments official websites.*

PAHO's Response

Tropical Storm Gonzalo approaching Caribbean Region



The Situation

On *Wednesday 22nd July 2020*, the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology confirmed the development of the 8th named Tropical Storm, Gonzalo, in the Atlantic Ocean.

A hurricane watch went into effect for Barbados, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada; and other countries on the potential path of the storm include St Lucia, Dominica, and Martinique.

As of 5 p.m. today, according to the Barbados Meteorological Services TROPICAL STORM GONZALO was located near 10.0N 55.6W or about 340 MI... 550 KM SE of Barbados. A tropical storm warning is in effect for Barbados. (A Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area within 36 hours.)

Final reports from an Air Force Reserve reconnaissance aircraft investigating Gonzalo has revealed that it is slightly further south and weaker than initially forecast.

Due to the finds of the reconnaissance, the weakening trend, and the incremental adjustments to the left (farther south) of the forecast track, the likelihood of storm-force winds reaching Barbados continues to wane this afternoon. If this trend continues over the next few hours, the Barbados Meteorological Services will discontinue the tropical storm warning for Barbados.

PAHO ECC Office Situation Update

PAHO ECC Office's preparedness

In response to the development of Tropical Storm Gonzalo which might intensify into a hurricane category 1, the PWR's Office in Barbados took a number of measures to ensure the safety of the staff and protect the PAHO's Office building. These measures were announced in a staff meeting convened by PWR on *Thursday 23 July 2020*.

1. Coordination

- The PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries (PWR-ECC) activated the Crisis Management Team on *Thursday 23 July 2020* and added a few additional members due to their supportive roles during natural disasters. The PWR provides overall leadership, including communication and coordination with HQ, national authorities, UNRCO, CDEMA, ECDPG and other partners, while Dr Rwangabwoba will assume the role of Incident Manager for the event.
- PWR participated in a meeting with the UN system and other partners (ECDPG0 Co-chaired by CDEMA to discuss Tropical Storm Gonzalo on *Thursday 23 July 2020*.
- Dr Jean Marie Rwangabwoba was invited to attend the UN Emergency Technical Team meeting held on *Thursday 23 July 2020*.

2. Business Continuity Plan (BCP)

The PWR activated the BCP for the Country Office on Thursday 23 July 2020 and convened a staff meeting to provide an update on the storm and remind the staff of different mechanisms put in place to ensure continuous communication (warden system, communication tree) as well as the roles that staff are expected to play to protect themselves and their families and keep the Office's premises and equipment safe. All this information is summarized on "Action Cards" included in the BCP.

3. Enhancing Office's readiness

Among others the following measures were recommended. They take effect on *Friday 24 July 2020*.

- Placing shutters on doors and windows
- Covering office equipment with plastic bags
- Shutting down the computer and internet system
- Testing and activation of satellite phones
- Teleworking on *Friday 24 July 2020*

4. Support to member states

- PAHO Country Office has started engaging national authorities and national disaster management coordinators in the countries that are currently on the possible path of the storm (Barbados, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadines) and encouraging them to assess their capacities and have their plans ready, especially in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.
- Country Program Specialists (CPS) are monitoring the situation on the ground and providing updates to PWR's Office in Barbados to complement information from other sources, e.g. UNRCO, UNDSS, UNETT, CDEMA, etc.
- Deployment of staff is not indicated at this time. When needed, it will be coordinated with affected countries, PHE and other partners including the UNRCO and CDEMA. It is anticipated that irregularity of regional flights and restrictive entry requirements in the context of COVID-19 might delay deployment of staff or their movement while on the ground.

- No declaration of emergency yet. Such a determination will be made after damage assessment has been conducted.

5. Pre-positioning of emergency supplies

- PAHO ECC Office is working closely with PHE Decentralized Office in Barbados and will be able to access available resources from the Regional Warehouse. Currently, PHE has aquatabs, water testing kits, generators ready for deployment from Barbados.
- A roster of experts has been established to allow a quick deployment to affected countries as needed.
- PHE is also in communication with Panama for additional support including emergency medicines kits, water tanks and other logistic supplies.

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