

## PAHO JAMAICA CO EOC - SITUATION REPORT #34

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS-COVID-2019 - 13 APRIL 2020 (as at 6:00 p.m.)

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### 1. Jamaica:

- a. Confirmed cases: 73 (1 new)
  - i. 31 imported, 33 contacts of confirmed cases, 6 local transmission-not epi-linked and 3 under investigation
  - ii. Sex: 40 M (55%) / F 33 (45%)
  - iii. Age: Average = 49 years / Range: 12 - 87 years
- b. Deaths: 4 (on 18 March, 31 March, 1 April and 8 April 2020)
- c. Recovered: 17
- d. Isolation: 64 total
  - i. 52 of the confirmed cases – 40 in hospital (with 1 in ICU on a ventilator), 9 in transition care facility and 3 in home isolation
  - ii. 12 other symptomatic persons (mainly contacts) – in hospital isolation – awaiting sampling and results
- e. Samples tested: 1199, with 73 positive, 1121 negative and 5 pending
- f. Contacts: 1,777 contacts (total) have been identified, with 374 close contacts being followed.
- g. Quarantine:
  - i. No. in National Quarantine Facilities: 22
  - ii. No. in home quarantine: 1,066 cumulative total, with 510 being followed
  - iii. Community quarantine:
    1. Corn Piece, Clarendon: 2,500 population, with 206 close contacts

#### 2. Bermuda:

- a. Confirmed cases: 57 (7 new)
  - i. 25 imported, 21 local transmission, 11 under investigation
- b. Deaths: 4
- c. Recovered: 29
- d. Samples tested: 416, with 57 positive, 357 negative, ?1 pending (to be checked)
- e. Quarantine (with public health supervision): 208
- f. Self-quarantine: 22 (with public health supervision)
- g. A shelter-in-place order is in place from 4 – 18 April 2020.

#### 3. Cayman Islands:

- a. Confirmed cases: 54 (1 new), with 1 death reported
- b. Recovered: 6
- c. Samples tested: 580, with 54 positive and 526 negative

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Jamaica, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands started preparedness for any possible introduction of the novel coronavirus – COVID-19 in early January 2020, immediately following identification of the novel coronavirus on 7 January 2020 in China.

The respective national level Committees / Councils continue to guide all sectors in the required preparedness and response actions.

### ACTIONS TAKEN:

#### Jamaica

##### - MOHW:

1. Updated guidelines for COVID-19 Clinical Management were finalized – 9 April 2020.

2. The step-down facility was operationalized for recovering asymptomatic positive cases who are awaiting negative results for discharge.
3. The layout and estimated costs for a field hospital were drafted.
4. Guidelines for step-down facilities for asymptomatic confirmed cases were drafted.
5. Risk communication activities are being enhanced, with printing of material for communities and health facilities, daily Press Releases and twice weekly Press Briefings.
6. Daily updates to the medical and nursing associations on status of COVID-19, preparedness, readiness and response
7. Enhanced activities focusing on detection, quarantine, isolation, treatment and contact tracing.

**- PAHO:**

1. Laboratory test kits were shipped by PAHO, WDC to Jamaica-10 April 2020
2. PPEs handed-over to MOHW-9 April 2020
3. Resource mobilization – UNCT and International Development Partners, including completion of templates and budgets, such as for USAID support for MOHW to be implemented by PAHO-8 April 2020
4. Daily technical guidance and support for the MOHW EOC and senior team for effective direction and coordination of health sector activities islandwide.
5. Technical guidance provided by the PAHO Emergency Medical Team section on the establishment of a field hospital- 8 April 2020.
6. Meeting with MOHW and USAID to finalize areas of support-3 April 2020
7. Meeting with USAID on areas for support-2 April 2020
8. Meeting with MOHW and USAID to determine areas for support-2 April 2020
9. Meeting with PS and CMO, MOHW to review COVID-19 plan by pillars and budget-1 April 2020
10. Participation in meeting between GOJ MDAs and UNCT re COVID-19 response – 31 March 2020
11. Participation in the Donor Group meeting re coordination of procurement with MOHW-30 March 2020.
12. Participation in CARPHA Expert Advisory Group on clinical management.
13. On-going dialogue with UN Country Team and donors.
14. Provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) to the MOHW
15. Development of COVID-19 plan and budget for health (on-going)
16. Preparation of gaps and needs for the health sector (on-going)

**NEEDS**

1. Jamaica
  - a. PPEs, laboratory supplies, equipment and supplies for isolation and quarantine wards and rooms
  - b. Go.Data - provision of laptops for implementation islandwide – being procured
2. Bermuda: Information on Go.Data – provided.
3. Cayman Islands: Information on Go.Data – provided.