

PAHO JAMAICA CO EOC - SITUATION REPORT #38 - UPDATE

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS-COVID-2019 - 17 APRIL 2020 (as at 6:00 p.m.) - UPDATE

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Jamaica:

- a. Confirmed cases: 163 (20 new)
 - i. 33 imported, 41 contacts of confirmed cases, 6 local transmission-not epi-linked and 83 under investigation
 - ii. Sex: 62 M (38%) / F 101 (62%)
 - iii. Age: Mean: 35 years / Median: 30 years: Range: 2 - 87 years
- b. Deaths: 5 (on 18 March, 31 March, 1 April, 8 April and 14 April 2020)
- c. Recovered: 26
- d. Isolation: Of the 163 positives
 - i. 73 in hospital
 - ii. 17 in transition care (step-down) facilities
 - iii. 42 in home isolation
- e. Samples tested: 1,516, with 146 positive, 1,346 negative and 24 pending
- f. Contacts: 1,990 contacts (total) have been identified, with 524 close contacts being followed.
- g. Quarantine:
 - i. No. in National Quarantine Facilities: 31
 - ii. Community quarantine: The Corn Piece community in Clarendon was released from quarantine on 17 April 2020.

2. Bermuda:

- a. Confirmed cases: 83 (0 new)
 - i. 26 imported, 45 local transmission, 12 under investigation
 - ii. Age: Mean: 56 years / Median: 58 years / Age range: 18 – 91 years
- b. Deaths: 5
- c. Recovered: 35
- d. Samples tested: 552, with 83 positive, 467 negative, 2 pending
- e. Quarantine (with public health supervision): 208
- f. Self-quarantine: 17 (with public health supervision)
- g. The shelter-in-place order was extended today, for the period 18 April 2020 – 2 May 2020.

3. Cayman Islands:

- a. Confirmed cases: 61 (0 new), with 1 death reported
- b. Recovered: 7
- c. Samples tested: 702, with 61 positive and 641 negative
- d. The shelter-in-place order is in place from 17 April – 1 May 2020.

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. Continue contact tracing, testing and quarantine of MOHW workers who are contacts of a confirmed case at the MOHW Head Office.
 2. Continue special containment measures for workers and contacts at identified Call Centres.
 3. Further the planning and guidelines for lock-downs of parishes and possibly the country
 4. Escalate the identification of cases and contacts, contact tracing, establishment of national quarantine and isolation facilities and installation of equipment and materials for case management.
 5. Expand community engagement and risk communication for persons in home quarantine and isolation.
- **PAHO:**
1. Resource mobilization – Continue dialogue with UNCT and International Development Partners, and complete templates and budgets, including for funding from USAID, CDC, USA and EU DEVCO
 2. Complete proposals and budgets for funding for MOHW COVID-19 budget.
 3. Support MOHW to formulate the research agenda for COVID-19, including for early investigations and maintain membership on the Essential National Health Research Committee
 4. Maintain 24-hr technical guidance and support to the MOHW EOC and executive, focusing on coordination of health sector activities, re-organization of the health services, epidemiological surveillance, contact tracing, laboratory and case management.
 5. Provision of PPEs and laboratory test kits- March and April 2020
 6. Technical guidance provided by the PAHO Emergency Medical Team section on the establishment of a field hospital- 8 April 2020.
 7. Meeting with MOHW and USAID to finalize areas of support-3 April 2020
 8. Meeting with USAID on areas for support-2 April 2020
 9. Meeting with MOHW and USAID to determine areas for support-2 April 2020
 10. Meeting with PS and CMO, MOHW to review COVID-19 plan by pillars and budget-1 April 2020
 11. Participation in meeting between GOJ MDAs and UNCT re COVID-19 response – 31 March 2020
 12. Participation in the Donor Group meeting re coordination of procurement with MOHW-30 March 2020.
 13. Participation in CARPHA Expert Advisory Group on clinical management.
 14. On-going dialogue with UN Country Team and donors.
 15. Development of COVID-19 plan and budget for health (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.