

PAHO JAMAICA CO EOC - SITUATION REPORT #41

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS-COVID-2019 - 20 APRIL 2020 (as at 6:00 p.m.)

SUMMARY - UPDATE

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Jamaica:

- a. Confirmed cases: 223 (27 new)
 - i. 34 imported, 47 contacts of cases, 6 local transmission-not epidemiologically-linked and 136 are under investigation
 - ii. Sex: 84 M (38%) / 139 F (62%)
 - iii. Age: Mean: 33.6 years / Median: 27 years / Range: 2 - 87 years
 - iv. N.B. 120 of the confirmed cases are linked to a workplace cluster and are under investigation.
- b. Deaths: 6 (on 18 March, 31 March, 1 April, 7 April, 14 April and 20 April 2020)
- c. Recovered: 27
- d. Isolation: 185 (total)
 - i. 111 in hospital
 - ii. 17 in transition care (step-down) facilities
 - iii. 57 in home isolation
- e. Samples tested: 1,889, with 223 positive, 1,665 negative and 11 pending
- f. Contacts: 2,350 (total), with 844 of these close contacts being followed
- g. Quarantine:
 - i. No. in National Quarantine Facilities: 24

2. Bermuda:

- a. Confirmed cases: 86 (0 new)
 - i. 26 imported, 46 local transmission, 14 under investigation
 - ii. Age: Mean: 56 years / Median: 58 years / Age range: 18 – 91 years
- b. Deaths: 5
- c. Recovered: 37
- d. Samples tested: 651, with 86 positive, 563 negative, 2 pending
- e. Quarantine (with public health supervision): 209
- f. Self-quarantine: 14 (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: 66 (5 new), with 1 death reported
- b. Recovered: 7
- c. Samples tested: 778, with 66 positive and 712 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

- **PAHO:**

1. Support MOHW to formulate the research agenda for COVID-19, including for early investigations and maintain membership on the Essential National Health Research Committee
2. 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.
3. Resource mobilization
 - a. Preparation of COVID-19 response plan and budget for the health sector to guide proposals for funding
 - b. Meetings with UNCT and International Development Partners – since February 2020
 - c. Provision of PPEs and laboratory test kits- March and April 2020
4. Technical guidance provided by the PAHO Emergency Medical Team section on the establishment of a field hospital- 8 April 2020.
5. Participation in meeting between GOJ MDAs and UNCT re COVID-19 response – 31 March 2020