COVID-19 Situation Update - 90























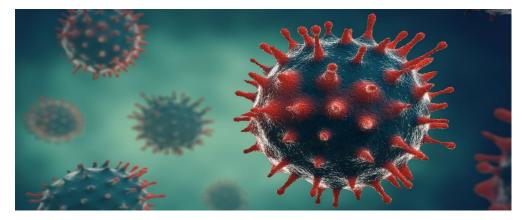




Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries

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This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories, and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.



New rapid antigen tests could transform COVID-19 response in the Americas

PAHO conducting pilot studies in four countries to help make the most of these new diagnostics. Millions of these tests will be made available to countries of the Region at an accessible price via PAHO's Strategic Fund

The new affordable, reliable antigen diagnostic tests recently approved by WHO that can be performed anywhere are set to transform the region's COVID-19 response by allowing health workers to carry out accurate, rapid testing, even in remote communities, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director Carissa F Etienne, said today.

Unlike previous rapid, antibody tests, which can show when someone has had COVID-19 but often give a negative result during the early stages of infection, the new rapid, antigen tests are much more accurate in determining if someone is currently infected.

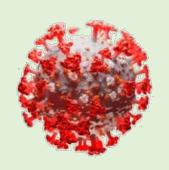
"By providing results quickly, the new test empowers frontline health workers to better manage cases by isolating patients to prevent further spread and to begin treatment immediately," Etienne said in a press briefing. "If distributed widely, this new test will transform our COVID response."

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COVID-19 case update:

On 16 October 2020, there was one new case in Barbados.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE				
Anguilla	no new cases for 194 days				
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on 15 October 2020				
Barbados	last case on 16 October 2020				
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on 14 October 2020				
Dominica	last case on 11 October 2020				
Grenada	last case on 12 October 2020				
Montserrat	no new cases for 84 days				
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 21 September 2020				
Saint Lucia	last case on 15 October 2020				
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	last case on 15 October 2020				

Updates

Global	PAHO - Region of the Americas
38,789,204 confirmed cases,	18,312,080 confirmed cases,
1,095,097 deaths <i>in</i>	599,169 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 16 October 2020.





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

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Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	No of Tests	Transmission Type	Status of Schools	Travel Restricti ons	Masks Mandatory	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	1,326	No cases	Schools open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	112	3	3,130	Sporadic cases	Ant: Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes		Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	219	7	29,854	Clusters of cases	2 students infected from one school that closed for 2 weeks from Oct. 5.	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	72	1	5,461	Clusters of cases	Online school	Yes	Yes	No	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	33	0	3,839	Clusters of cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	Specific settings only	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	10,233	69	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
Grenada	25	0	3,396	No cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	6,908	96	•	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	1	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
Martinique	2,257	24	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
Montserrat	13	1	483	No cases	Schools reopened 7 Sep. 2020	Yes	No	No	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the- coronavirus/
Saint Barthélemy	67	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
St Kitts & Nevis	19	0	2,670	No cases	Schools reopened 9 Sep. 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
Saint Lucia	32	0	8,510	Sporadic cases	Schools closed – student infected.	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
Saint Martin	501	8		Community transmission	-		-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	65	0	5,793	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	No	Specific settings only	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	20,558	209	64,005						

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories. 'Sporadic cases' 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.

PAHO's Response

St. Kitts & Nevis receives Infection Prevention and Control Training



Members of the country's workforce were recently equipped with training to help protect them from COVID-19.

The training, which took place on the 6th, 8th, 9th, 12th and 14th of October, provided more than 100 persons with life saving techniques. Those trained were hotel managers and staff, customs and immigration staff, security personnel, Ministry of Health officials, tour operators, travel agents and ground crew.

The Ministry of Health in St. Kitts & Nevis had approached PAHO/WHO for Barbados and the ECC, requesting the training. As a result, Dr. Joao Toledo, Advisor, Clinical Management of Infectious Diseases PAHO, Washington, D.C., and Dr. Valeska Stempliuk, Advisor, Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control, PAHO – Jamaica, developed and conducted the training virtually.

Dr. Stempliuk explained that the objectives of the training were to limit human-to-human transmission; reduce secondary infections; and prevent transmission through amplification and super-spreading events. "We provided training in general infection prevention and control measures, management of the traveler with COVID-19 symptoms and management of workers' health."

Participants received the training enthusiastically, describing it as useful. Various questions were posed to the trainers, such as best practices for cleaning the environment, as well as protocols for the testing of workers.

Standard precautions were shared on hand hygiene, use of PPE, respiratory hygiene, sterilization and disinfection of medical devices and environmental cleaning.

Spatial separation and physical barriers were also addressed, as well as managing the sick traveler.

Another discussion point - managing situations where there is exposure and the three levels of decision making which should take place: type of exposure; type of monitoring according to level of exposure; presence of signs and symptoms.

In relation to hotels, staff learned about enhanced cleaning of all areas. They heard that regular protocols are efficient to eliminate SARS-CoV-2, as it relates to laundry, food safety and waste management. Key measures such as hand hygiene, use of masks, physical distancing and respiratory hygiene, were also outlined.

Guidance was also provided on the protocols when dealing with guests with influenza like illness (ILI): detection, isolation, communication with health authorities, communication with other guests, and follow-up of workers.



For more information on COVID-19 visit: www.paho.org/coronavirus

