

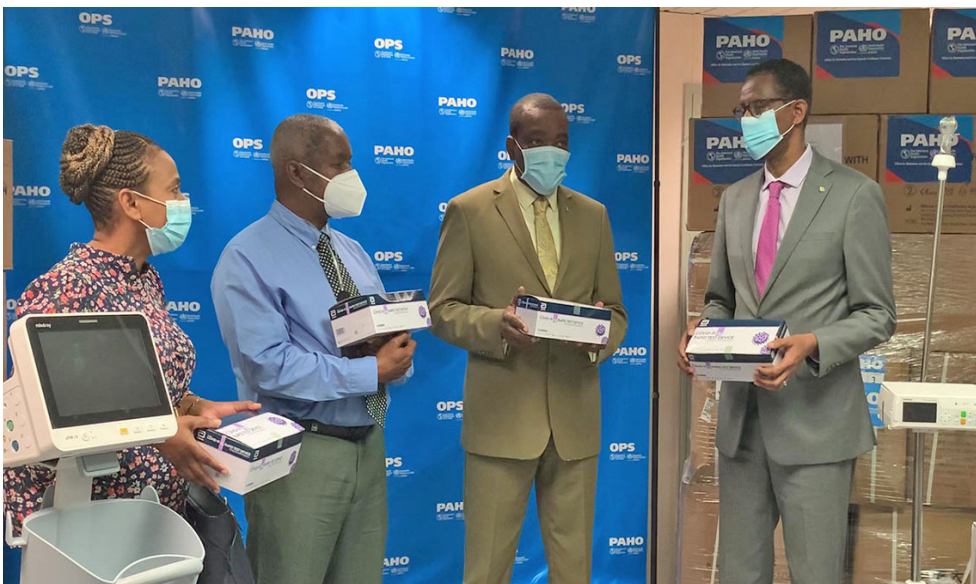


## COVID-19 Situation Update - 115

22 January 2021

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.

### PAHO/WHO introduces the use of SARS-CoV-2 antigen-detecting Rapid diagnostic test to Barbados COVID-19 outbreak response



From left: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Mrs Janet Phillips, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kenneth George, Minister of Health and Wellness, Lt Col Hon Jeffery Bostic, and PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, Dr Yitades Gebre

Bridgetown, Barbados, January 19, 2021 (PAHO/WHO) – Following the holidays there has been a surge in COVID-19 cases not only in Barbados but in many countries of the Eastern Caribbean.

At a ceremony to handover essential supplies and equipment to the Ministry of Health and Wellness, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, Dr Yitades Gebre said, “I am fully confident that the current outbreak in Barbados will be managed and contained if we apply the right intervention at the right time and at the right place.”

Dr Gebre outlined that there was no one size fits all solutions for the current challenge and that countries should assess their risks, put in place mitigation

measures, and communicate the risks to citizens and communities.

He noted the importance of improving surge capacity in the health system and seeking cooperation from the public, and that all measures must balance lives and livelihoods especially vulnerable people.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness received a timely donation of 20,000 rapid antigen based diagnostic test devices from PAHO. This donation follows a recent new health policy announced by the government of Barbados, the introduction of a rapid antigen diagnostic test during the 14-day quarantine period to reduce the length of quarantine.

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### Region of the Americas

43,133,022 cases

992,150 deaths in

56 countries, areas, or territories

### Global

96,592,581 cases

2,091,017 deaths in

236 countries, areas, or territories

## COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
Anguilla	last case on 02 January 2021
Antigua and Barbuda	last case on <b>20 January 2021</b>
Barbados	last case on 15 January 2021
British Virgin Islands (UK)	last case on <b>20 January 2021</b>
Dominica	last case on <b>17 January 2021</b>
Grenada	last case on 08 January 2021
Montserrat	no new cases for 183 days
Saint Kitts and Nevis	last case on 07 January 2021
Saint Lucia	last case on <b>20 January 2021</b>
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	last case on <b>21 January 2021</b>

- **Antigua and Barbuda** - As of 20 January 2021, 2 new COVID-19 cases were reported.
- **Barbados** - On January 20, 2021, an 83 year old man was reported as Barbados' 9th death from COVID-19

In a press briefing held January 20, 2021, Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley reported that two new machines will arrive soon to assist with processing of COVID-19 test results. Additionally Cuban doctors and lab technicians are expected to arrive in Barbados by Friday, January 22; and a Virologist from PAHO early next week.

- **Saint Lucia** - On 21 January 2021 a 10<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 related death was announced, a 63 year old female. Thirty-seven new cases were also reported.

Effective 22 January 2021 stronger public health measures to be implemented including teleworking to reduce contact meeting, suspension of face to face class room teaching and prohibition of social and sporting activities.

## Classification of transmission scenarios

WHO recommends using the following categories to describe transmission patterns at national and sub-national levels (wherever possible) to guide decisions for preparedness, readiness and response activities.

CATEGORY NAME	DEFINITION
<b>No cases</b>	Countries/territories/areas with no cases
<b>Sporadic cases</b>	Countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected
<b>Cluster of cases</b>	Countries/territories/areas experiencing cases, clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures
<b>Community transmission</b>	Countries/territories/areas experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission defined through an assessment of factors including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains</li> <li>• Large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance</li> <li>• Multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country/territory/area</li> </ul>

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

COUNTRY	CONFIRMED CASES	ACTIVE CASES	DEATHS	# OF TESTS	TRANSMISSION TYPE	STATUS OF SCHOOLS	TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS	MASKS MANDATORY	STATE OF EMERGENCY (CURFEW)	COVID-19 WEB ADDRESS AND HOTLINE
ANGUILLA	15	0	0	6,521	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	No	<a href="https://beatcovid19.ai/">https://beatcovid19.ai/</a> (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	192	27	6	7,903	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	-	Yes	<a href="https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42">https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42</a> (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	1,156	-	9	93,070	Clusters of cases	Online	Yes	In public buildings	Yes	<a href="https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/">https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/</a> (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	121	20	1	17,690	Clusters of cases	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	No	<a href="https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19">https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19</a> (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	113	9	0	8,498	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	No	<a href="http://dominica.gov.dm/corona">http://dominica.gov.dm/corona</a> (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	15,560	-	76	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
GRENADA	147	11	1	18,895	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://covid19.gov.gd/">https://covid19.gov.gd/</a> (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	9,056	-	156	--	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	<a href="https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/</a>
MARTINIQUE	6,370	-	44	122,755	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	<a href="https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/</a>
MONTSERRAT	13	0	1	814	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	No	<a href="https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/">https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/</a>
SAINT BARTHELEMY	376	-	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	35	-	0	6,391	Sporadic cases	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://www.covid19.gov.kn/">https://www.covid19.gov.kn/</a>
SAINT LUCIA	755	331	10	22,768	Clusters of cases	Online	Yes	Specific settings only	Yes	<a href="https://www.covid19response.lc/">https://www.covid19response.lc/</a>
SAINT MARTIN	1,191	-	12	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	-	<a href="https://www.stmartinweek.fr/">https://www.stmartinweek.fr/</a>
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	690	562	2	24,908	Clusters of cases	Online	No	Specific settings only	No	<a href="http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c">http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c</a> (784) 534-4325
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,790</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>329,802</b>						

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.

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## PAHO's Response

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### **Dominica presented with two vehicles to strengthen its response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

Bridgetown, Barbados, 21 January 2021 (PAHO/WHO) – PAHO/WHO recently donated two vehicles to the Ministry of Health, Wellness and New Investment, as part of its continuous effort to assist Dominica in their COVID-19 response efforts.

On behalf of Dr Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, Ms Anneke Wilson, PAHO/WHO Country Program Specialist for Dominica handed over the keys to two new Hyundai H-1 vehicles to the Acting Minister for Health, Wellness and New Health Investment, Honourable Mr. Kent Edwards.

The vehicles were procured through the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF) funded by the World Bank and coordinated by PAHO at a cost of US\$85,559.11 or EC\$230,000.00.

Ms Wilson said “the two vehicles were purchased to strengthen the Health System to prevent, rapidly detect, and effectively respond to any COVID-19 outbreak thereby reducing morbidity and mortality and the socio-economic impact from repeated lockdowns”.

“PAHO is committed to support Dominica in their COVID-19 response efforts. Our trust is to assist in the prevention and control of the spread of COVID-19, inclusive of the prevention of Infection among health care workers. We continue to applaud the efforts of all Health Care workers and by extension the Ministry of Health in its response to the COVID 19 Pandemic,” she said.

The vehicles are expected to assist in the transportation of the health team in the monitoring and evaluation of persons in quarantine and also to support transporting of visitors to and from the airport to quarantine facilities.

Acting Minister for Health, Wellness and New Health Investment, Honourable Mr. Kent Edwards, thanked PAHO for the vehicles, noting they will be used immediately as part of our COVID response. “The delivery of health and transportation go hand in hand, there can be no proper and efficient delivery of health without proper transportation,” he said.

He again thanked PAHO as a partner in health, acknowledging appreciation for all the support provided from the start of the pandemic.



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