



COVID-19 Situation Update - 118

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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.

PAHO Director warns that damage from COVID-19 disproportionately impacts women



Washington, D.C., February 3, 2021 (PAHO) — PAHO Director Carissa F. Etienne warned that the health, social and economic effects of COVID-19 are disproportionately impacting women and called for heightened attention to the pandemic’s gender disparities.

“To overcome this pandemic, countries must recognize and respond to the gender dynamics of this outbreak. This starts with ensuring that women and girls can access the health services they need – especially during this time of crisis. This includes gender violence hotlines and sexual and reproductive health services, which are essential services.”

PAHO Director Carissa F. Etienne

While men were more likely to become ill with COVID-19 at the start of the pandemic, those trends are reversing, Etienne said. Now women are equally likely to develop the disease, and they are more vulnerable on many other fronts.

“Women, who make up 70% of the world’s health workers, have faced enormous personal risk to care for COVID patients, even when they had little protective equipment at their disposal,” Etienne said.

So far, more than one million health workers in the Americas have become ill with COVID-19 and 4,000 health workers, most of them women, have died.

Etienne said serious economic and social impacts of COVID-19 fall heavily on women. “Many women have been forced to leave their jobs to care for their families during this pandemic, impacting both their income and their well-being. And the ongoing stay-at-home measures, coupled with the added economic strains, are increasing the risks of domestic violence. For too many women, home is not a safe space.”

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Region of the Americas

46,675,418
cases

1,085,189
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

Global

104,611,552
cases

2,280,377
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
Anguilla	<p>On February 4th, 8,000 doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine arrived in Anguilla. An official launch took place on Friday February 5th, when elected representatives and health personnel received the first doses.</p> <p>Anguillians are required to register online to take the vaccine.</p>
Antigua and Barbuda	On Wednesday February 3 rd , 9 new cases were reported.
Barbados	<p>During the week Barbados unfortunately reported 4 deaths from COVID-19, bringing the total number of deaths to 18.</p> <p>On February 3rd, Barbados commenced an "Operation Seek and Save" survey to help identify high risk individuals in communities across Barbados. The survey is being conducted by a team of student volunteers from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.</p>
Saint Lucia	<p>Saint Lucia was notified that their allocation of the AstraZeneca vaccine would arrive by late February. The vaccine will be made available at no cost to citizens, provided on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>The COVID-19 vaccine will be rolled out through a phased approach with the first phase focusing on people at greatest risk of COVID-19.</p>
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	Based on samples received between January 21 st and February 3 rd , 103 new cases were confirmed.

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

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	18	2	0	7,698	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	277	87	7	9,716	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	-	Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	1,641	352	18	105,323	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	149	13	1	20,043	Clusters of cases	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	No	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	121	11	0	9,977	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	16,264	-	79	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
GRENADA	148	1	1	20,288	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	9,156	-	158	--	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	6,442	-	45	122,755	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	13	0	1	814	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	379	-	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	40	-	0	8,261	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	1,556	759	15	22,768	Clusters of cases	Online	Yes	Specific settings	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	1,289	-	12	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	1,170	790	3	30,803	Clusters of cases	Online	No	Specific settings	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	38,663	2,015	340	358,446						

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.

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COVAX Indicative Allocation

COUNTRY	*SFP/AMC	COVAX participation modality	AZ indicative	AZ contractual	Population coverage based on AZ indicative	Population coverage for AZ indicative and Pfizer	Part of the first wave (EOI)	AZ opt-out
Antigua and Barbuda	SFP	Committed purchase	40,800	40,800	21%	21%	Yes	No
Barbados	SFP	Committed purchase	100,800	100,800	18%	18%	Yes	No
Dominica	AMC	AMC	28,800	28,800	20%	20%	No	No
Grenada	AMC	AMC	45,600	45,600	20%	20%	Yes	No
Saint Kitts and Nevis	SFP	Committed purchase	21,600	21,600	20%	20%	No	No
Saint Lucia	AMC	AMC	74,400	74,400	20%	20%	No	No
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AMC	AMC	45,600	45,600	21%	21%	Yes	No

*SFP - Self Financing Participants
 AMC - Advanced Market Commitment

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PAHO's Response



Health Ministers presented on the highlights of 2020 achievements and 2021 priorities of PAHO's technical cooperation in the Eastern Caribbean Countries

Bridgetown, Barbados, 29 January 2021 (PAHO) – Ministers of Health, Chief Medical Officers, Permanent Secretaries and other Health officials from Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries (ECC) including the United Kingdom Overseas Territories participated in a briefing of country specific technical cooperation activities.

The virtual event was hosted by the PAHO/WHO Representation Office for Barbados and the ECC. The PWR and his technical team presented highlights of activities accomplished in 2020 and priority work agenda for 2021, including:

- Country specific technical cooperation in the area of critical strategic preparedness, readiness and response for the public health measures of covid-19
- Progress made in the program budget and biennial programmatic areas in strengthening of health systems and services; non communicable disease and mental health; communicable diseases and environment as well as family health through the life course

- 2021 technical cooperation priorities including the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines to address the pandemic in countries.

In his welcoming remarks Minister of Health, Wellness and Environment, Antigua and Barbuda, Honourable Sir. Molwyn Joseph stated, “we are in a brand-new phase in this fight against COVID-19, in recent times Antigua and Barbuda has seen a dramatic increase in the number of cases, even though the numbers are below other countries, it is not comforting because we must look at all possibilities of suppressing transmission of the virus.”

Minister Joseph also mentioned an issue he thought as important to the meeting, that of how vaccines would be distributed, in what quantities and how soon they would be made available to Caribbean countries.

Honourable Nikolas Steele, Minister of Health and Social Security, Grenada in his remarks also focused on the topic of COVID-19 vaccines. He noted concern about countries with production capacity holding on to vaccines, stating the need for wide-spread distribution if the pandemic is to go away. [Read more...](#)

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