



COVID-19 Situation Update - 119

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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 says COVID-19 vaccines for the Americas still recommended despite new variants



Washington, D.C., February 10, 2021 (PAHO) Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director Carissa F. Etienne said the COVID-19 vaccines soon to be available from COVAX in the Americas are still recommended for the region, despite new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the disease.

"Based on the evidence we have now on the variants of concern, we are confident that our growing portfolio of COVID-19 vaccines remains useful and will guide us through the end of this pandemic."

PAHO Director Carissa F. Etienne

"We have at our hands a whole generation of effective vaccines to prevent infection and, especially, severe disease," she continued. "Down the line, we may need to adapt our strategies, but we will continue to rely on these vaccines. The challenge now remains to ensure these vaccines are distributed quickly and fairly across our region, starting

with those who need them most."

So far, 20 countries in the region have at least one of three variants of concern circulating in the Americas. Dr. Etienne said evidence suggests that two of the variants – B117 first detected in the United Kingdom and P.1 first detected in Brazil – may be more easily transmissible.

"There is no reason for alarm, but for attention," Dr. Etienne said.

PAHO's surveillance network is monitoring the variants of concern, working closely with similar efforts around the world. "There are outstanding research teams working on the ground in places like Manaus, Brazil, who are focusing on this issue and providing us with information as swiftly as they can," Dr. Etienne said, referring to the location where the P.1 variant originated. [Read more...](#)

Region of the Americas

48,021,725
cases

1,127,620
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

Global

107,423,526
cases

2,360,280
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
Anguilla	Anguilla launched their COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign, under the theme "Vaccinate for you, ma and the economy". In a press released dated February th th , over 200 persons received their first dose of the Astrazeneca vaccine.
Antigua and Barbuda	As of 11 th February, 38 new cases were reported. On 11 th February, 5,000 Oxford-Astrazeneca vaccines arrived in Antigua and Barbuda, a gift from the Government and People of Dominica. The vaccines are intended to serve 2,500 frontline workers.
Barbados	In a 11 th February, Barbados recorded its 21 st death from COVID-19. This past week Barbados commenced its roll-out of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine. Persons vaccinated included the Governor General Dame Sandra Mason, National Hero, The Right Excellent Sir Garfield Sobers. COVID-19 cases continued to rise, on February 10, 2021, 47 new cases were reported.
Montserrat	As of 10th February, 191 persons were vaccinated in Montserrat.
Saint Lucia	72 new COVID-19 cases were reported on Friday, 12 February, 2021 Saint Lucia has been receiving donations of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine from regional counterparts. 1000 doses were recieved from Barbados and 2000 from Dominica

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	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"> • 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	419	211	9	10,709	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	-	Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	1,904	337	21	109,836	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	151	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	126	12	0	10,315	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	16,296	-	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	9,302	-	159	--	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	6,521	-	45	122,755	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	18	5	1	955	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	425	-	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	40	-	0	8,521	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	2,487	810	23	22,768	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	1,377	-	12	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	1,395	854	6	31,511	Community transmission	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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