



COVID-19 Situation Update - 123

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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.

Saluting Women Health Leaders

Today is International Women's Day. In many ways, women have suffered disproportionately from the pandemic. But women have also been at the forefront of the response. Women battle against COVID-19, as front-line and health sector workers, as scientists, doctors and caregivers. In Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, we have very strong women health leaders, who have contributed enormously to turn around the pandemic and save lives with positive results.

We have highlighted some of the most efficient and exemplary leaders in the health sectors across the Eastern Caribbean, not only who led the responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, but women who over the years have shown strong stewardship to improving the health care system.

Region of the Americas

51,847,469
cases

1,245,244
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

Global

116,673,685
cases

2,592,484
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

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COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
Anguilla	As of 5 March 2021 a total of 4,493 persons received their first dose of the vaccine.
Antigua and Barbuda	Vaccine rollout is in progress, as of Saturday 6th March 14,218 vaccines had been administered 16 new cases were reported on 7 March 2021
Barbados	As of March 7, 2021 a total of 18 new cases were reported. A total of 49,317 persons have received their 1st dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine as of 7 March 2021
Dominica	As of March 7, 2021, 11,714 persons in Dominica received the first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine.
Saint Kitts & Nevis	As of Saturday, 6 March 2021, 3,576 persons received their 1st dose of the vaccine.
Saint Lucia	5 new cases reported on 8 March 2021. 1 new COVID-19 related death was reported bringing the total number of deaths to 46.

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	0	0	11,031	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	848	381	21	13,613	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	-	Yes	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	3,303	419	37	130,369	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	154	-	1	24,487	Clusters of cases	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	No	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	150	14	0	12,084	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	No	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	16,693	-	87	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	
GRENADA	151	-	1	21,454	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	10,458	-	168	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	6,886	-	47	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	20	4	1	1074	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	671	-	0	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	41	-	0	9,895	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	3,871	255	46	22,768	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	Yes	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	1,581	-	12	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	1,663	628	8	36,649	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	No	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	46,508	1,701	429	283,424						

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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PAHO Director calls for more women in leadership of the fight against COVID-19

We need women not only on the frontlines but also in leadership.”

Washington, D.C., March 8 (PAHO) Marking **International Women’s Day**, Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Carissa F. Etienne today said that women are “on the frontlines” of the fight against COVID-19 but underrepresented in global and national health leadership. She called for building leadership with the “full involvement of women” during and after the pandemic.

“Women make up the great majority of health care workers,” Dr. Etienne said during a virtual International Women’s Day conference hosted by PAHO. “They head households and are the main providers for many of these households – much of this is unpaid work and in the informal labor workforce. Indeed women are at the very heart of the response, yet

women remain disproportionately underrepresented in national and global health leadership, whether in health institutions or other policy-making bodies.”

She added, “Never has health leadership occupied the global stage with such urgency and never has the need been greater for that leadership to be inclusive and representative of all those affected in very distinct ways, including, of course, women.”

The Monday conference included Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the OAS Inter-American Commission on Women (CIM), Julio Frenk, President of Miami University and former Minister of Health for Mexico, and Claudia Lopez Hernandez, Mayor of Bogota, Columbia. [Read more...](#)

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