



COVID-19 Situation Update - 128

23 April 2021

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



PAHO warns against getting COVID-19 vaccines outside of official channels

Vaccines not procured through government purchases from certified providers and offered by authorized national immunization circuits are presumed to be counterfeit and dangerous to health.

Washington, DC, April 22, 2021 (PAHO)- The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) urges people to get vaccinated against COVID-19 only through national immunization programs and officially authorized mechanisms and warns that doing so outside these channels can be dangerous to their health.

The recommendation comes in response to reports of counterfeit or unauthorized vaccines in some Latin American countries, such as Bolivia, Colombia, and Mexico, and to press reports of vaccines being administered outside authorized national immunization programs. In March, WHO issued

a global alert on the counterfeit Pfizer/BioNtech vaccine in Mexico.

People are advised to use only authentic vaccines as directed by national authorities, to seek the advice of a health professional if in doubt, and, if they know of any suspicious incidents, to report them to the authorities so that the products can be identified and withdrawn from circulation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in incidents of sub-standard, counterfeit, and unregistered medical products worldwide. In particular, the limited availability of vaccines appears to be contributing to the emergence of products in illegal channels, ranging from Internet sales offers to customs seizures to retail trade.

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Region of the Americas

60,721,604
cases

1,475,110
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

317,353,872
total vaccine doses administered

Global

144,565,258
cases

3,071,414
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

899,936,102
total vaccine doses administered

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Select country name to view video on arrival of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility:

- [Antigua & Barbuda](#)
- Barbados (available in next issue)
- [Dominica](#)
- [Grenada](#)
- [St Kitts & Nevis](#)
- [Saint Lucia](#)
- [St. Vincent & the Grenadines](#)

COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
Anguilla	<p>On April 23rd, 28 new COVID-19 cases were reported.</p> <p>As of April 22nd at 23:59, Anguilla instituted public health measures in order to containing any further spread of the virus. Some of the measures include, the closure of non-essential workplaces, no public gatherings and all persons required to stay home other than those providing essential services. Persons may leave their residence for medical care, to buy food, fuel or banking services.</p>
Barbados	<p>As of April 22nd, 14 new COVID-19 cases were reported.</p> <p>The state of emergency has been extended by 5 months, from 26 April 2021 - 25 September, 2021. Effective 27 April 2021 - 17 May 2021, curfew hours changed to midnight - 5am (Thursday - Sunday). During this period churches may resume communion, and baptisms with use of masks and face shields. No picnics or parties are permitted, nightclubs remain closed, no restrictions on beaches.</p>
British Virgin Islands	<p>Effective 15 May 2021, fully vaccinated persons travelling from overseas are required to, provide satisfactory evidence of being fully vaccinated, take a PCR test within 5 days of travel, subject to a PCR test upon arrival, and enter quarantine until a negative test result is received from the BVI Health Services Authority.</p>
Grenada	<p>Effective May 1, 2021 persons providing proof of full vaccination will only be required to quarantine for up to 48 hours, pending a negative result from a PCR test, administered on entry.</p> <p>Travelers will still be required to provide a negative PCR test result, valid up to 72 hours prior to the start of travel.</p>
Saint Lucia	<p>On April 22nd, 11 new cases of COVID-19 were reported.</p>

COVID-19 Vaccination highlights:

COUNTRY	TYPE OF VACCINE	NUMBER OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED	
		1st Dose	2nd Dose
Anguilla	AstraZeneca	6,115	783
Antigua and Barbuda	AstraZeneca	29,754	-
Barbados	AstraZeneca	71,648	-
British Virgin Islands	AstraZeneca	9,473	-
Dominica	AstraZeneca	18,237	4,818
Grenada	AstraZeneca	11,779	985
Montserrat	AstraZeneca	1,293	616
Saint Kitts & Nevis	AstraZeneca	11,848	-
Saint Lucia	AstraZeneca	23,829	206
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AstraZeneca	12,786	-

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	COVID-19 WEB ADDRESS AND HOTLINE
ANGUILLA	58	29	0	18,300	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	1,222	196	31	-	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	-	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	3,820	-	44	151,004	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	194	10	1	37,158	Clusters of cases	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	173	2	0	14,532	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	18,693	-	97	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	
GRENADA	159	1	1	26,597	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	12,927	-	194	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	9,758	-	66	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	20	0	1	1,310	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	954	-	1	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	44	-	0	13,374	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	4,455	92	70	33,260	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	1,710	-	13	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	1,827	114	10	44,359	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	55,854	444	529	339,894					

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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Statement of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization: Continued review of emerging evidence on AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccines

WHO is committed to updating its policy guidance whenever relevant new information has been obtained through the use of the vaccine in populations around the world and new results from clinical research.

Accordingly, new data continues to regularly emerge from ongoing clinical trials and monitoring on the AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine and other vaccines. On the basis of this additional evidence, the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization has updated its [interim guidance on the use of the AstraZeneca vaccines against COVID-19](#) that are produced by different manufacturers (Astra Zeneca-Vaxzevria, Serum Institute India SII Covishield, and SK Bioscience).


WHO continues to support the conclusion that the benefits of these vaccines outweigh the risks. Pursuant to the latest data, further clarification of precautions and types of risk (ie. Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome) has been added. More data have been obtained on the effectiveness of the vaccines in different population groups, such as older adults, making the evidence base more robust. Clarifications and specifications have been added as to the vaccination of specific population groups (pregnant and lactating women, person with previous SARS-CoV2 infection and others).

The changes to these Interim Recommendations apply to multiple sections of the document. The updated version is available [here](#).


The [SAGE Working Group on COVID-19 Vaccines](#) will continue to evaluate available data and modify the guidance as required.

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