



COVID-19 Situation Update - 129

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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.



1 in 4 COVID-19 deaths reported globally last week happened in the Americas

PAHO Director warns that health systems in some countries are overwhelmed and urges nations with extra vaccines to donate them to the region.

Washington, D.C., April 28, 2021 (PAHO) – Hospitals in South and Central America are struggling to cope with a heavy influx of COVID-19 patients as the pandemic continues to surge across the region, Pan American Health Organization Director Carissa F. Etienne reported today.

“Hospitalizations are at an all-time high in Costa Rica, and we expect more patients will require care as the country reported a 50% jump in cases in the last week,” Dr. Etienne told reporters at her weekly media briefing. “Guatemala’s hospitals have also reached maximum capacity,” she said, and at hospitals in Colombia, “ICU beds are running out in major metropolitan

cities like Bogota and Medellin.”

She said that vaccine “supplies still languish behind our urgent need for more doses. That’s why we urge countries with extra doses to consider donating a significant portion of these to the Americas, where these life-saving doses are desperately needed and will be promptly used.”

The crowding of hospitals crisis is due partly to the increase in hospitalization of younger COVID-19 patients, who are less frequently vaccinated and more often exposed. They tend to be hospitalized for longer periods and, therefore, use up more resources. “PAHO is orienting our countries to plan on coping with sudden increases in the consumption of critical inputs such as oxygen, intubation drugs, personal protective equipment and infusion pumps.,” Dr. Etienne said. [Read more...](#)

Region of the Americas

62,418,735
cases

1,512,338
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

350,497,581
total vaccine doses administered

Global

151,940,294
cases

3,190,943
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

1,011,457,859
total vaccine doses administered

COVAX



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	The transmission type in Anguilla changed from sporadic cases to cluster of cases.
Barbados	Three new COVID-19 cases were reported on 1st May. On April 29th, it was reported that a cluster of COVID-19 cases was identified at the Psychiatric Hospital. That cluster was responsible for the 17 COVID-19 cases reported on April 28th.
Saint Lucia	On May 1st, 2021, 8 new COVID-19 cases were reported.
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	On May 2nd, 2021, 18 new COVID-19 cases were reported

COVID-19 Vaccination highlights:

COUNTRY	TYPE OF VACCINE	NUMBER OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED	
		1st Dose	2nd Dose
Anguilla	AstraZeneca	6,742	2,183
Antigua and Barbuda	AstraZeneca	30,290	-
Barbados	AstraZeneca	74,608	16,549
British Virgin Islands	AstraZeneca	10,759	-
Dominica	AstraZeneca	18,498	9,323
Grenada	AstraZeneca	12,666	2,731
Montserrat	AstraZeneca	1,299	771
Saint Kitts & Nevis	AstraZeneca	12,570	-
Saint Lucia	AstraZeneca	24,426	3,853
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AstraZeneca	14,526	-

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	95	66	0	20,821	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	1,232	186	32	-	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	-	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	3,866	-	44	154,599	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	194	2	1	37,425	Clusters of cases	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	174	2	0	14,936	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	19,543	-	101	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	
GRENADA	161	1	1	26,597	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	14,634	-	228	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	11,139	-	79	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	20	0	1	1,334	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	988	-	1	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	45	-	0	13,691	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	4,560	113	70	33,260	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	1,749	-	14	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	1,882	140	11	45,375	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	60,264	510	583	348,083					

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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Immunization services begin slow recovery from COVID-19 disruptions, though millions of children remain at risk from deadly diseases – WHO, UNICEF, Gavi

While immunization services have started to recover from disruptions caused by COVID-19, millions of children remain vulnerable to deadly diseases, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance warned today during World Immunization Week, highlighting the urgent need for a renewed global commitment to improve vaccination access and uptake.

“Vaccines will help us end the COVID-19 pandemic but only if we ensure fair access for all countries, and build strong systems to deliver them,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO’s Director-General. “And if we’re to avoid multiple outbreaks of life-threatening diseases like measles, yellow fever and diphtheria, we must ensure routine vaccination services are protected in every country in the world.”

A WHO survey has found that, despite progress when compared to the situation in 2020, more than one third of respondent countries (37%) still report experiencing disruptions to their routine immunization services.

Mass immunization campaigns are also disrupted. According to new data, 60 of these lifesaving campaigns are currently postponed in 50 countries, putting around 228 million people - mostly children - at risk for diseases such as measles, yellow fever and polio. Over half of the 50 affected countries are in Africa, highlighting protracted inequities in people’s access to critical immunization services.

Campaigns to immunize against measles, which is one of the most contagious diseases and can result in large outbreaks wherever people are unvaccinated, are the most impacted. Measles campaigns account for 23 of the postponed campaigns, affecting an estimated 140 million people. Many have now been delayed for over a year. [Read more...](#)

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