



## COVID-19 Situation Update - 138

20 August 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 will begin procuring COVID-19 vaccines to expand access in Latin America and the Caribbean

Washington, D.C., August 11, 2021 (PAHO) – Taking action to expand access to the COVID-19 vaccines, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) will use its Revolving Fund to help countries in Latin America and the Caribbean procure enough vaccines to control transmission, PAHO Director Carissa F. Etienne said.

“The region is still short of the doses needed to turn the tide of the pandemic,” she told reporters at a media briefing. “We need a significant influx of vaccines and a more equitable process for distributing them. With this in mind, PAHO is offering our Member States a new opportunity to access COVID-19 vaccines.”

PAHO’s Revolving Fund will go “beyond the 20 percent COVAX offers,” Dr. Etienne explained,

referring to COVAX’s commitment to procure vaccines for 20% of the region’s population—the most at-risk groups.

The Revolving Fund, which has procured other vaccines for the region at low prices for 42 years, is already receiving requests from countries for COVID-19 vaccines for the last three months of 2021 and for 2022, Dr. Etienne said. “So far, more than 20 countries have formally expressed interest and the number is growing by the day.”

Up until now, the Revolving Fund has served as one of the COVAX purchasing mechanisms and worked directly with countries requesting support to deliver donations through bilateral agreements. It has deployed over 20 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to Latin American and Caribbean countries

### Region of the Americas

**81,463,128**  
cases

**2,068,647**  
deaths in

**56**  
countries, areas, or territories

**861,972,140**  
total vaccine doses administered

### Global

**210,112,064**  
cases

**4,403,765**  
deaths in

**236**  
countries, areas, or territories

**4,562,256,778**  
total vaccine doses administered

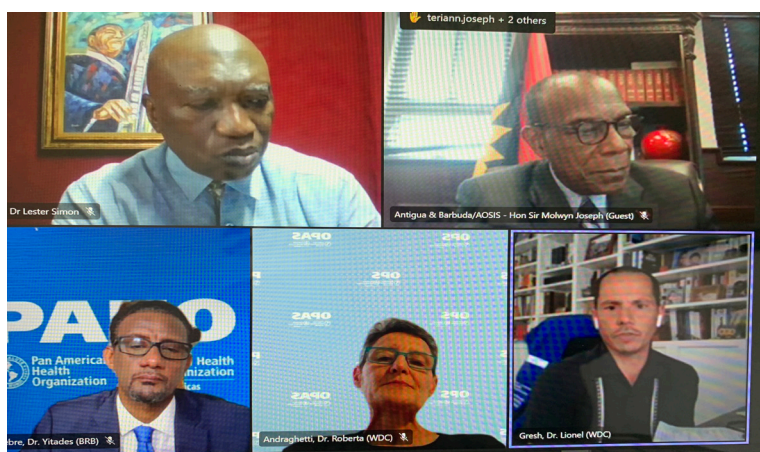
procured through COVAX.

“Our region needs to pursue all possible avenues to expedite access and ensure countries reach their vaccination goals. We still need more donations; and we still need COVAX to deliver on its original commitment. We also need to create new opportunities that meet the diverse needs of our Member States, and that increase the supply of vaccines to the people and communities at greatest risk.”

Dr. Carissa F. Etienne

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## COVID-19 highlights:



Some participants in the **Antigua and Barbuda** meeting.

From bottom left Dr. Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, Dr. Roberta Andraghetti, PAHO Advisor International Health Regulations, Dr. Lionel Gresh, PAHO Consultant, Infectious Hazard Management Hon. Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, and Dr. Lester Simon, Consultant Pathologist, Mount St. John's Medical Centre, Antigua and Barbuda.

On Thursday 19 August 2021, a technical meetings were held with authorities of the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda and the PAHO Incident Management team at headquarters and Advisors at the PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries (ECC) to discuss the current surge of COVID -19 cases and to provide technical support. Areas of technical assistance were identified and are being actioned.

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
<b>ANGUILLA</b>	In a press release dated 18 August 2021, 16 additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed, with 22 active cases. The Executive Council agreed on additional measures which will further strengthen entry protocols, these new measures may be found at: <a href="https://beat-covid19.ai/covid-19-update-as-of-19-august-2021/">https://beat-covid19.ai/covid-19-update-as-of-19-august-2021/</a>
<b>ANTIGUA &amp; BARBUDA</b>	As of Tuesday 17 August 2021, 26 new laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in Antigua and Barbuda
<b>BARBADOS</b>	19 new cases were reported from laboratory tests conducted on 19 August 2021. The Pfizer vaccine is available in Barbados to the general public aged 18 and up, effective Friday 20 August 2021.
<b>BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	All public schools will reopen on Monday 6 September 2021 for face-to-face learning.
<b>DOMINICA</b>	During the week Dominica recorded its first COVID-19 related death.  In a live broadcast which took place on 20 August 2021, Dr. Dexter James, Chief Executive Officer of the Dominica China Friendship Hospital reported on the results of Antigen testing of staff which took place between 7 - 13 August 2021. He announced that 490 staff were tested, 475 returned a negative test and 15 positive. 179 were fully vaccinated, 17 partially and 272 unvaccinated.
<b>ST. KITTS AND NEVIS</b>	19 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed in a situation report dated 20 August 2021.
<b>SAINT LUCIA</b>	98 new cases were reported on 20 August 2021.  Effective Monday 23 August 2021, the Pfizer vaccine will be offered to individuals 12 years and older.  In Saint Lucia a curfew will take effect from 20 - 31 August, 2021. Mondays - Thursdays from 9pm - 4am, Fridays and Saturdays from 7pm - 4am and Sundays from 4pm to 4am.

<b>ST. VINCENT &amp; THE GRENADINES</b>	On August 12, 2021, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, received the first tranche (17,550 doses) of Pfizer Vaccines donated by the United States Government through CARICOM (Caribbean Community).
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## COVID-19 Vaccination highlights:

COUNTRY	TYPE OF VACCINE	NUMBER OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED	
		1st Dose	2nd Dose
Anguilla	AstraZeneca	9,493	8,965
Antigua and Barbuda	AstraZeneca	6,860	32,370
Barbados	AstraZeneca	101,732	88,986
British Virgin Islands	AstraZeneca	16,826	12,605
Dominica	AstraZeneca	21,845	19,969
French Guiana		60,265	42,012
Grenada	AstraZeneca	21,371	16,075
Guadeloupe	AstraZeneca	81,628	50,871
Martinique	Pfizer	61,227	52,334
Montserrat	AstraZeneca	1,440	1,295
Saint Barthelemy			
Saint Kitts & Nevis	AstraZeneca	44,586	20,468
Saint Lucia	AstraZeneca	34,464	27,102
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AstraZeneca	16,417	10,273

## 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	154	22	0	37,111	Imported/Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	<a href="https://beatcovid19.ai/">https://beatcovid19.ai/</a> (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	1,447	119	43	-	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	-	<a href="https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42">https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42</a> (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	4,628	-	48	245,843	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/">https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/</a> (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	2,568	31	37	72,946	Community transmission	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19">https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19</a> (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	1,323	773	0	41,298	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://dominica.gov.dm/corona">http://dominica.gov.dm/corona</a> (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	33,060	-	204	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	
GRENADA	196	03	01	-	Imported/Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	<a href="https://covid19.gov.gd/">https://covid19.gov.gd/</a> (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	37,955	-	389	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	<a href="https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/</a>
MARTINIQUE	33,821	-	278	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	<a href="https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/">https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/</a>
MONTSERRAT	25	0	01	-	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	<a href="https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/">https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/</a>
SAINT BARTHELEMY	1,553	-	01	-	Clusters of cases	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	792	193	03	-	Community transmission	Closed since 24 May 2021	Yes	Yes	<a href="https://www.covid19.gov.kn/">https://www.covid19.gov.kn/</a>
SAINT LUCIA	6,955	1,193	97	-	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	<a href="https://www.covid19response.lc/">https://www.covid19response.lc/</a>
SAINT MARTIN	3,092	-	33	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	<a href="https://www.stmartinweek.fr/">https://www.stmartinweek.fr/</a>
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	2,320	47	12	64,768	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	<a href="http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c">http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c</a> (784) 534-4325
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109,094</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>946</b>						

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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## Vaccine Campaign

In most countries, vaccinations are not mandatory and thus public willingness to be vaccinated against COVID-19 is of high priority to achieve the goal of reaching herd immunity. As we seek to tackle vaccine hesitancy related to COVID-19 vaccines in the Caribbean and in keeping with the request made by some member states, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) have developed [communication materials](#) to address some of the gaps in knowledge and concerns on the COVID-19 vaccines. Launched 21 May 2021, these communication materials include videos, social media cards, and radio public service announcements. The main topics covered are:

- How vaccines are developed
- How vaccines work
- Vaccine safety
- Side effects of vaccines
- The benefits of vaccines



This launch of a collaborative Regional Platform to Advance the Manufacturing of COVID-19 Vaccines and other Health Technologies in the Americas, will take place on Friday 27 August 2021 at 10:30am.

### AGENDA

- Welcome and opening remarks, *Carissa Etienne, Director PAHO*
- An opportunity for high-level engagement to foster manufacturing of health products in the Americas: A regional Platform *Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr., Assistant Director, PAHO*
- The global context and initiatives United Nations Agencies, *Non-government Organizations and Development banks*
- The regional context and initiatives *Ministers of Health, Production, Science & Technology, Research institutions, Non-Government Organization, and Development bank*
- Closing remarks *Carissa Etienne, Director PAHO*

The event will be broadcast on PAHO's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/PAHOTV>

[Click here for more information on the launching event.](#)

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