



## COVID-19 Situation Update - 141

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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.



### COVID-19 vaccine procurement to ramp up, PAHO Director asserts

*The director stressed the need for multiple strategies to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines, including expanding on global vaccine production “by leveraging the expertise and capacity of regions like our own.”*

Washington, D.C. September 29, 2021 (PAHO)—Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director Carissa F. Etienne announced today that the organization has entered into an agreement with Sinovac and is in advanced discussions with other manufacturers to purchase additional COVID-19 vaccines on behalf of countries to complement bilateral deals, donations and doses received via the international COVAX mechanism.

“We have reached an agreement with Sinovac and have begun

accepting orders that will be ready for delivery this year, and we are expecting to sign new agreements in the coming days to buy vaccines that have Emergency Use Listing approval from other suppliers for 2021 and 2022,” she told reporters at a media briefing.

Dr. Etienne also said that PAHO has so far helped COVAX deliver 50 million doses, including nearly 14 million donated doses. “We have the capacity to quickly scale this support, so we urge countries not to delay their donations as lives hang in the balance today.” COVAX is an international mechanism co-led by WHO, the GAVI Vaccine Alliance, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations CEPI, and UNICEF to make COVID-19 vaccine distribution more equitable.

### Region of the Americas

**89,868,289**

cases

**2,209,725**

deaths in

**56**

countries, areas, or territories

**1,065,623,188**

total vaccine doses administered

### Global

**233,503,524**

cases

**4,777,503**

deaths in

**236**

countries, areas, or territories

**6,143,369,655**

total vaccine doses administered

Dr. Etienne also called for expanding manufacturing capacity in the region “to build a more sustainable and dependable supply of vaccines and medical technologies.” She highlighted advances in a PAHO-led platform to accelerate the development and production of mRNA vaccines. Last week, the organization announced the selection of two centers in Argentina and Brazil to develop COVID-19 vaccines using the same technology used by Pfizer and Moderna.

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## COVID-19 highlights

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
BARBADOS	Deaths related to Covid-19 soared in Barbados during September 2021, it was the most deadliest month since the start of the pandemic. On Wednesday, September 29, 2021 five deaths were recorded in one day.
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	<p>Partially vaccinated persons and unvaccinated persons will be PCR tested upon arrival. The unvaccinated will be quarantined for seven days, and the partially vaccinated will be quarantined for four days.</p> <p>Fully vaccinated travellers, do not have to apply for permission to enter on the Gateway Portal, but partially and unvaccinated travellers must apply and have a travel authorisation certificate to present upon arrival. The second COVID-19 vaccine must have been received no less than two weeks before entry to the Virgin Islands, and the vaccine must be approved by the World Health Organisation.</p>
MONTSERRAT	The Ministry trying to mobilize the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine, residents are being urged to register for vaccination as the number of doses procured will be dependent on public interest. The vaccine was selected to continue Montserrat's vaccination programme because of its safety and efficacy profile, use in large segments of the population such as children over 12 and pregnant women, and it has been approved as a booster vaccine for persons who have completed the 2 dose AstraZeneca vaccine regimen.
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	A phased reopening of schools will be implemented from October 4, 2021 starting with online learning. Blended learning (online and onsite) will commence October 18, 2021. Full onsite engagement for all schools is to be determined.

## ECC COVID-19 Vaccination

Country/Territory	People Vaccinated with		7 Day Daily Average of Vaccination
	1 Dose	2 Doses	
Anguilla	9548	9156	
Antigua and Barbuda	52398	42650	828
Barbados	136034	105881	1581
British Virgin Islands	17570	15360	
Dominica	25127	21567	296
French Guiana	78338	66537	425
Grenada	34535	24450	475
Guadeloupe	121630	104689	
Martinique	120588	100846	1020
Montserrat	1483	1388	0*
Saint Barthelemy	6665	6127	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	48059	22422	209
Saint Lucia	45972	32538	574
Saint Martin	12397	11113	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20620	13462	144

\* Between 17 and 27 Sept

## ECC COVID-19 Surveillance

Country/Territory	Data as of	Situation in last 7 days		Active Cases	Hospitalized	Situation since the start of the pandemic	
		New Cases	New Deaths			Cases	Deaths
Anguilla	30/09/2021	61	0	31		425	1
Antigua and Barbuda	30/09/2021	434	17	1022	48	3336	81
Barbados	01/10/2021	1377	14	1080*		8609	78
British Virgin Islands	20/09/2021	34	0	47		2676	37
Dominica	29/09/2021	358	8	539		3555	21
French Guiana	29/09/2021	1535	12		94	41325	268
Grenada	29/09/2021	557	55	1251		5140	141
Guadeloupe	01/10/2021	436	16		351	53542	783
Martinique	01/10/2021	474	17		141	41357	632
Montserrat	27/09/2021	1	0	3		34	1
Saint Barthelemy	01/10/2021	14	0			1648	2
Saint Kitts and Nevis	30/09/2021	203	3	952		1965	13
Saint Lucia	29/09/2021	566	20	1548		11527	201
Saint Martin	01/10/2021	23	1			3818	36
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	29/09/2021	437	4	1051		3508	21

\* People in isolation were considered to be active cases

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

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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## PAHO's Response

Pillar	Activity	Status	
<b>ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b>			
Pillar 3	Epidemiologist hired	Completed	
Pillar 3	3 contact tracers recruited	In Progress	
Pillar 3	3 data entry clerks recruited	In Progress	
Pillar 3	Go.Data Installation - Introduction meeting	Completed	New
Pillar 3	Go.Data Installation - follow-up	In Progress	
Pillar 5	50,000 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress	
Pillar 5	Technical support for setting up new RT-PCR machine at hospital lab	Completed	Updated
Pillar 5	rt-PCR Kits procured	In Progress	New
Pillar 5	20000 Antigen Test Kits procured	In Progress	New
Pillar 5	130 cases of gloves procured	In Progress	New
Pillar 6	5 cases of shoe covers, 10,000 biohazard bags & 1,000 bouffant caps procured	Completed	
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Pillar 9	11 leaders trained on online format of the Chronic Self Management Programme	Completed	
Pillar 10	Communications materials on breast feeding and vaccine hesitancy disseminated	Completed	
<b>BARBADOS</b>			
Pillar 3	4 contact tracers recruited	Completed	
Pillar 5	100,000 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress	
Pillar 5	2 laboratory technologists hired	Completed	
Pillar 5	Technical support for assessment of testing strategy and training of new staff (consultant visit scheduled week Sep 21)	Completed	New
Pillar 7	50 oxygen tanks procured	In Progress	
Pillar 10	2 vehicles procured	In Progress	
<b>DOMINICA</b>			
Pillar 4	2 Port Health Surveillance Officers hired	Completed	
Pillar 10	7 vaccine promoters recruited	Completed	
Pillar 10	7 vaccine promoters recruited	In Progress	New
Pillar 10	7 IT portable devices being procured	In Progress	New
Pillar 10	2 vehicles procured and rolled out	Completed	
Pillar 10	Mini bus rented with driver to transport health workers	Completed	
Pillar 10	2 drivers recruited	In Progress	New
<b>GRENADA</b>			
Pillar 1	High level Meeting held with the MOH to discuss the upsurge in COVID-19 cases (26/8/2021)	Completed	
Pillar 3	2 surveillance officers hired	Completed	
Pillar 3	Purchase of 8 laptops	In Progress	
Pillar 5	60,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits procured	Completed	New
Pillar 5	8 boxes/125, fast reaction tubes (8 tubes/strip) 0.1µl 3 boxes/300 MicroAmp Optical 8 cap strips 10 bags/500, 1.5 ml DNA/RNA free microcentrifuge PCR tubes 5 cases each, filtered pipette tips (10µl, 200µl, 1000µl)	In Progress	
Pillar 5	Primers and probes	Completed	
Pillar 6	Advanced IPC training Phase 1	Completed	
Pillar 6	Advanced IPC training Phase 2	In Progress	New
Pillar 6	15300 face masks procured	Completed	New
Pillar 6	4000 face shields procured	Completed	New
Pillar 7	5000 Kits for monitoring COVID-19 patients in the community to include: thermometers, pulse oximeters and brochure	In Progress	New
Pillar 7	Medical Team with 2 intensivists and 10 nurse practitioners	Completed	New

Pillar 9	Meeting of the MHPSS TWG held with focus on the COVID situation and collaborating to address MHPSS needs		
Pillar 10	3 remote monitoring devices procured	Completed	
Pillar 10	24 vaccine carriers procured	Completed	
Pillar 10	Data entry M& E clerk recruited	Completed	Updated
Pillar 10	Eight (8) Laptops with accessories procured	In Progress	
Pillar 10	Four (4) Mobile Wifi Devices procured	In Progress	
Pillar 10	Consultancy to Develop SOPs for Crisis Communication	In Progress	
Pillar 10	PPEs procured	In Progress	
Pillar 10	Tents procured	In Progress	
Pillar 10	AEFI Kits procured	In Progress	
Pillar 10	2 Iceland Refrigerators ETA 11/08/2021 procured	In Progress	New
ST. KITTS & NEVIS			
Pillar 3	3 contact tracers recruited	Completed	
Pillar 4	4 port health surveillance officers hired	Completed	
Pillar 5	10,000 VTM swabs 10 QIA amp viral RNA Mini Kits x 250 procured and delivered	Completed	
Pillar 5	rt-PCR Kits for 500 Reactions procured	Completed	New
Pillar 10	5 data entry clerks recruited	Completed	
Pillar 10	1 laptop received	Completed	
Pillar 10	5 laptops procured	In Progress	
Pillar 10	2 -20 freezers procured	In Progress	
Pillar 10	Procurement of 1 vehicle (double cam pickup)	In Progress	
SAINT LUCIA			
Pillar 2	Procurement of Camera and Camcorder plus accessories as per request	In Progress	New
Pillar 3	Procurement of Handheld temperature scanner (40)	In Progress	New
Pillar 3	Procurement of Rapid Test Kit - COVID-19 (1000)	In Progress	New
Pillar 3	Procurement of Pulse Oximeter (25)	In Progress	New
Pillar 3	Procurement of Laptop (8) Community COVID-10 Monitoring Team	In Progress	New
Pillar 3	Procurement of Laptop (1)	In Progress	New
Pillar 3	Procurement of Desktop (1)	In Progress	New
Pillar 3	Procurement of Computer Monitor (1)	In Progress	New
Pillar 4	Procurement of Eye goggles (100)	In Progress	New
Pillar 4	Procurement of Hearing Aid Muffs (100)	In Progress	New
Pillar 4	Procurement of First Aid Kits (24)	In Progress	New
Pillar 5	10,875 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	Completed	
Pillar 5	Procurement of Laboratory supplies	In Progress	New
Pillar 7	Portable Oxygen tanks (8) - filled	In Progress	New
Pillar 7	Oxygen tank regulator valve (8)	In Progress	New
Pillar 7	ICU Medications List	In Progress	New
Pillar 9	Procurement of Wall Fan (3) - Wellness Clinics	In Progress	New
Pillar 9	Procurement of Extractor Fans (8) - Wellness Clinic	In Progress	New
Pillar 10	Supervisor for Data Entry Clerks hired	In Progress	
Pillar 10	Procurement of Tables, Chairs and Tents	In Progress	New
Pillar 10	Consultancy Behaviour Change Consultancy/Vaccine Hesitancy	In Progress	New
Pillar 10	5 vaccine data entry clerks recruited	In Progress	
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES			
Pillar 10	10 vaccine data entry clerks hired	In Progress	
Pillar 10	Vaccine hesitancy survey and communications campaign	In Progress	
Pillar 10	EPI coordination consultant hired	In Progress	
Pillar 10	2 ESAVI trays	In Progress	
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)			
Pillar 3	2 surveillance officers hired	In Progress	



Pillar 3 1 contact tracer recruited  
 Pillar 3 Procurement of 5 laptops, back-packs and accessories

**In Progress**  
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PILLAR	DESCRIPTION
Pillar 1	Country level coordination, planning, financing and monitoring
Pillar 2	Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) and infodemic management
Pillar 3	Surveillance, epidemiological investigation, contact tracing, and adjustment of public health and social measures
Pillar 4	Points of Entry, international travel and transport, and mass gatherings
Pillar 5	National laboratories and diagnostics
Pillar 6	Infection prevention and control, and protection of the health workforce
Pillar 7	Case management, clinical operations, and therapeutics
Pillar 8	Operational support and logistics, and supply chains
Pillar 9	Maintaining essential health services and systems
Pillar 10	Vaccination

Dr. Lionel Gresh, PAHO Virologist was on a mission to Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda from the week of September 21, 2021. In Barbados he assessed the country's testing capacity and trained new lab technicians in the Best Dos Santos laboratory, he also visited and assessed two private laboratories. Training was also conducted in Antigua and Barbuda.



Dr. Lionel Gresh (center) training staff at the Best Dos Santos laboratory in Barbados

Dr. Gresh on his mission to Antigua and Barbuda meeting with Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas (center) and Dr. Miguel Gonzalez, PAHO Consultant and Epidemiologist based in Antigua & Barbuda.





On September 25, 2021 an Emergency Medical Team from SAMU passed through Barbados on their way to Dominica to provide support to the hospital in the care and treatment of Covid-19 patients. The team of one doctor and three nurses were met at the airport by Dr. Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries. The deployment was made possible through the collaboration of PAHO and SAMU.




A team of PAHO experts visited Dominica September 21-25, 2021 to support the Ministry of Health in the assessment of their PSA Oxygen Plant China Friendship Hospital in Roseau. The team also carried out a health system's needs assessment including healthcare services capacity, human resources for health measures, and current needs of medical oxygen to improve the country's response to COVID-19.

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