



COVID-19 Situation Update - 142

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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.



PAHO calls for more concerted action to prevent animal to human diseases, announces agreements to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines

In the weekly update on the COVID-19 situation in the Americas, PAHO Director urged countries to prepare for the next pandemic by addressing health threats arising from the connection between humans, animals, and the environment.

Washington, D.C. October 6, 2021 (PAHO) – Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director Carissa F. Etienne said today that COVID-19 infections have generally declined in the Americas in the past week, but “local trends remain worrisome.” She called on countries to expedite vaccination efforts and take steps to strengthen surveillance efforts to monitor diseases that spread from humans to animals, such as coronaviruses.

The Director also announced that PAHO has closed additional agreements with AstraZeneca, Sinopharm, and Sinovac to facilitate access to COVID-19 vaccines in Latin America and the Caribbean. The WHO Emergency Use Listing authorized vaccines will be made available to countries this year and in 2022.

Turning to the risk presented by animal to human – or zoonotic – diseases, Dr. Etienne called for regional governments to apply a “One Health” approach to rapidly detect emerging pathogens that have the potential to pose a public health risk. PAHO has prioritized this approach for many years.

“Just as we work together to control this pandemic, we must con

Region of the Americas

91,011,463

cases

2,235,028

deaths in

56

countries, areas, or territories

1,065,966,149

total vaccine doses administered

Global

236,599,025

cases

4,831,486

deaths in

236

countries, areas, or territories

6,262,445,422

total vaccine doses administered

sider the ways in which we can collaborate to avoid future pandemics,” she said.

“COVID-19 has been unique in its scale and impact, but it’s not the first emerging disease to cause ripple effects throughout the world,” she added, citing recent epidemics with severe impacts that were caused by diseases that spill from animals to people, such as Ebola, chikungunya, yellow fever, avian influenza, and Zika.

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COVID-19 highlights

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
ANGUILLA	In an October 8th press release, 45 additional cases of COVID-19 was reported with 66 active cases. On October 4th Anguilla signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the UK Government for the provision of the Pfizer vaccine to Anguilla.
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	In an October 8th statement, four Covid-19 related deaths were reported at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre. Three persons were unvaccinated and the fourth partially vaccinated (received one dose of a two-dose vaccine)
BARBADOS	On October 7th, 301 new cases of COVID-19 were reported by the Best-dos Santos Laboratory. 553 persons are in isolation facilities and 1,951 in home isolation. Barbados has started a home quarantine and home isolation program to ease the challenges being faced at isolation facilities. Two deaths were recorded bringing the total number of deaths to 88.

COVID-19 Vaccination

Country/Territory	Data as of:	People Vaccinated with		7 Day Daily Average of Vaccination
		1 Dose	2 Doses	
Anguilla	05/10/2021	9548	9157	0
Antigua and Barbuda	06/10/2021	10085	44097	331
Barbados	08/10/2021	140616	110616	1331
British Virgin Islands	03/10/2021	17607	15468	
Dominica	06/10/2021	26294	21797	200
French Guiana	07/10/2021	79592	67932	343
Grenada	08/10/2021	35915	26608	173
Guadeloupe	03/10/2021	126091	91391	1376
Martinique	08/10/2021	122934	103816	760
Montserrat	06/10/2021	2911	1409	5
Saint Barthelemy	26/09/2021	6665	6127	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	08/10/2021	26020	22872	105
Saint Lucia	07/10/2021	47352	34813	523
Saint Martin	26/09/2021	12397	11113	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	05/10/2021	20830	13556	81

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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	08/10/2021	119	0	66		544	1
Antigua and Barbuda	07/10/2021	342	10	1072	53	3678	91
Barbados	08/10/2021	1774	10	2504*		10383	88
British Virgin Islands	05/10/2021	49	0	39		2725	37
Dominica	06/10/2021	338	3	481		3893	24
French Guiana	08/10/2021	1437	16		93	42543	286
Grenada	08/10/2021	355	23	366	46	5591	173
Guadeloupe	30/09/2021	436	16			53544	785
Martinique	07/10/2021	561	18		103	41918	650
Montserrat	04/10/2021	6	0	8	2	40	1
Saint Barthelemy	30/09/2021	14	2			1649	4
Saint Kitts and Nevis	07/10/2021	355	4	995		2320	17
Saint Lucia	07/10/2021	369	15	1140		11942	222
Saint Martin	30/09/2021	23	1			3819	36
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	05/10/2021	542	12	1400		3965	33

* 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
ANGUILLA		
Pillar 3	6 COVID-19 testers; 6 data entry clerks; and 3 contact tracers hired	Completed
Pillar 3	3 laptops procured	Completed
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		
Pillar 3	Epidemiologist hired	Completed
Pillar 3	3 contact tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	3 data entry clerks recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	Go.Data Installation - Introduction meeting	Completed
Pillar 3	Go.Data Installation - follow-up	In Progress
Pillar 5	20,000 Rapid Antigen Kits	In Progress
Pillar 5	30,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 5	Technical support for setting up new RT-PCR machine at hospital lab	Completed
Pillar 5	rt-PCR Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	130 cases of gloves	In Progress
Pillar 6	5 cases of shoe covers, 10,000 biohazard bags & 1,000 bouffant caps procured	Completed
Pillar 7	Emergency Medical Team	In Progress
Pillar 9	11 leaders trained on online format of the Chronic Self Management Programme	Completed
Pillar 9	Self Management Programme for Chronic Diseases	In Progress
Pillar 10	Communications materials on breast feeding and vaccine hesitancy disseminated	Completed
BARBADOS		
Pillar 3	4 contact tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 5	30,400 Rapid Antigen Kits donated	Completed
Pillar 5	50,000 Rapid Antigen Kits	On Hold
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
Pillar 6	500,000 3Q Medical Respirators	In Progress
Pillar 6	400,000 KN95 Masks	In Progress
Pillar 6	400,000 N95 Masks	In Progress
Pillar 6	180,000 Sanitizer	In Progress
Pillar 6	150,000 Face Shields	In Progress
Pillar 6	350,000 Gowns - Impervious []	In Progress
Pillar 6	350,000 Gowns - Isolation	In Progress
Pillar 6	300,000 Nitrile Exam Gloves	In Progress
Pillar 6	300,000 Sterile Latex Surgical Gloves	In Progress
Pillar 6	150000 Shoe Covers	In Progress
Pillar 6	200000 Germidical Disposable Wipes	In Progress
Pillar 6	200000 Caviwipes	In Progress
Pillar 7	50 oxygen tanks	In Progress
Pillar 9	Self Management Programme for Chronic Diseases	In Progress
Pillar 10	1 Mobile Primary Care Clinic	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 vehicles procurement	In Progress
DOMINICA		
Pillar 4	2 Port Health Surveillance Officers hired	Completed
Pillar 4	Epidemiologist for 3 months	In Progress
Pillar 4	2 LCD Monitors for Surveillance Unit	In Progress

PILLAR	ACTIVITY	STATUS
Pillar 5	GeneXpert machine procurement	In Progress
Pillar 5	20000 Nasopharyngeal Swabs for Rapid Antigen Kits	In Progress
Pillar 5	10000 Nasopharyngeal Swabs for Rapid Antigen Kits	In Progress
Pillar 5	Review of functions and future operation of National Laboratory	In Progress
Pillar 5	30,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 7	10 High Flow Oxygen Machines	In Progress
Pillar 7	1 ABG Machine	In Progress
Pillar 7	10 Infusion Pumps	In Progress
Pillar 7	Empty Oxygen Cylinders	In Progress
Pillar 7	20 QC Pulse Oximeter	In Progress
Pillar 7	20 Portable Nebulizer Set	In Progress
Pillar 7	1 High Flow Ventilator	In Progress
Pillar 7	Assessment of the Oxygen Concentration Plant	Completed
Pillar 7	Comprehensive Clinical Audit of Medical Services	In Progress
Pillar 7	Development of Quality Management System	In Progress
Pillar 7	Review of Medical Records department	In Progress
Pillar 7	Training on Medical Ethics	In Progress
Pillar 7	Human Resource Assessment and Plan for Primary and Secondary Care	In Progress
Pillar 7	Portable Dialysis Machine	In Progress
Pillar 7	Supportive Guidelines on the Clinical Management of Cases	Completed
Pillar 9	Self Management Programme for Chronic Diseases	In Progress
Pillar 10	7 Data Entry Clerks for 3 months	Completed
Pillar 10	7 vaccine promoters recruited	Completed
Pillar 10	7 hand held devices	Completed
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
GRENADA		
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 donation	Completed
Pillar 5	8 boxes/125 strips each, fast reaction tubes (8 tubes/strip) 0.1µl	In Progress
Pillar 5	3 boxes/300 strips each MicroAmp Optical 8 cap strips	In Progress
Pillar 5	10 packs/500 per pack, 1.5 ml DNA/RNA free microcentrifuge PCR tubes	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (10µl)	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (200 µl)	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (1000 µl)	In Progress
Pillar 5	Air Freight	In Progress
Pillar 5	Primers and probes	Completed
Pillar 5	80,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits	On Hold
Pillar 6	Advanced IPC training Phase 1	Completed
Pillar 6	Advanced IPC training Phase 2	In Progress
Pillar 6	15300 face masks procured	Completed
Pillar 6	4000 face shields procured	Completed
Pillar 7	Kits for monitoring COVID-19 patients in the community to include: 5000 thermometers	In Progress
Pillar 7	4000 Pulse oximeters	In Progress

PILLAR	ACTIVITY	STATUS
Pillar 7	1000 Pulse oximeters	In Progress
Pillar 7	10000 Brochures	In Progress
Pillar 7	Medical Team with 2 intensivists and 10 nurse practitioners	Completed
Pillar 7	Medical Team with 3 physicians	Completed
Pillar 7	Emergency Medical Team	In Progress
Pillar 9	Meeting of the MHPSS TWG held with focus on the COVID situation and collaborating to address MHPSS needs	Completed
Pillar 10	3 remote monitoring devices	Completed
Pillar 10	24 vaccine carriers procured	Completed
Pillar 10	1 Data entry M&E clerk recruited	Completed
Pillar 10	3 Vaccine Data Entry Clerks	In Progress
Pillar 10	8 Laptops with accessories	In Progress
Pillar 10	4 Mobile Wifi Devices	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	In Progress
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	Completed
Pillar 5	rt-PCR Kits for 500 Reactions procured	Completed
	Lab supplies:	
Pillar 5	100 96-Well Reaction Plates, 200 Adhesive films, 600 8-Cap Strips, 8 packs of microcentrifuge tubes (500 each), 12 packs of pipettes (960 per pack)	Completed
Pillar 5	10000 Virus Sampling Kit (swabs)	Completed
Pillar 5	PCR Supplies for the LAB	In Progress
Pillar 5	10,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 9	Self Management Programme for Chronic Diseases	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 data entry clerks recruited	Completed
Pillar 10	1 laptop received	Completed
Pillar 10	5 laptops	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 -20 freezers	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 1 vehicle (double cam pickup)	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 Televisions for the Clinics (Pfizer Vaccine Roll Out)	In Progress
Pillar 10	Posters for the Vaccine Roll Out (Pfizer)	In Progress
Pillar 10	Consultant to provide Assistance for Pfizer Roll out	Completed
SAINT LUCIA		
Pillar 2	Camera and Camcorder plus accessories as per request	In Progress
Pillar 3	8 Laptop Community COVID-10 Monitoring Team	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Laptop	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Desktop	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Computer Monitor	In Progress
Pillar 4	100 Eye Goggles	In Progress
Pillar 4	100 Hearing Aid Muffs	In Progress
Pillar 4	24 First Aid Kits	In Progress
Pillar 5	10,875 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	Completed
Pillar 5	Procurement of Laboratory supplies	In Progress
Pillar 5	1000 Rapid Antigen Kits	In Progress

PILLAR	ACTIVITY	STATUS
Pillar 5	20,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 7	8 Portable Oxygen tanks - filled	In Progress
Pillar 7	8 Oxygen tank regulator valve	In Progress
Pillar 7	ICU Medications List	In Progress
Pillar 7	40 Handheld temperature scanner	In Progress
Pillar 7	25 Pulse Oximeter	In Progress
Pillar 7	Emergency Medical Team	In Progress
Pillar 7	3 Procurement of Wall Fan - Wellness Clinics	In Progress
Pillar 7	8 Procurement of Extractor Fans - Wellness Clinic	In Progress
Pillar 9	Self Management Programme for Chronic Diseases	In Progress
Pillar 9	Communication for Cancer Disease Management	In Progress
Pillar 10	Supervisor for Data Entry Clerks	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of Tables, Chairs and Tents	In Progress
Pillar 10	Consultancy Behaviour Change Consultancy/Vaccine Hesitancy	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 vaccine data entry clerks	In Progress
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		
Pillar 5	10 boxes/1000 reactions each - RT-PCR Kit	Completed
Pillar 5	20000 Rapid Antigen Tests	In Progress
Pillar 5	60 kits / 10 test each - GeneXpert RT-PCR Kit	In Progress
Pillar 6	5000 Gowns - non porous	In Progress
Pillar 7	30 "H" Size Oxygen Cylinders - empty	In Progress
Pillar 7	14 Bed Partition on Wheels	In Progress
Pillar 7	60 Oxygen Regulator 2 - 15 LPM CGA-540	In Progress
Pillar 7	1 Bus for transportation of patients	In Progress
Pillar 9	Self Management Programme for Chronic Diseases	In Progress
Pillar 10	10 vaccine data entry clerks	In Progress
Pillar 10	Vaccine hesitancy survey and communications campaign	In Progress
Pillar 10	EPI coordination consultant	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 ESAVI trays	In Progress
Pillar 10	Rental of vehicle for communication	In Progress
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)		
Pillar 3	2 surveillance officers	Completed
Pillar 3	1 contact tracer	Completed
Pillar 3	Procurement of 5 laptops, back-packs and accessories	Completed
Pillar 9	Self Management Programme for Chronic Diseases	In Progress
MONTSERRAT		
Pillar 7	Oxygen Plant	In Progress
Pillar 10	Ultra Cold Temperature Freezer	In Progress
Pillar 10	22 Tablets for Data Entry	In Progress
Pillar 10	4 Computers	In Progress
Pillar 9	Self Management Programme for Chronic Diseases	In Progress
ECC		
Pillar 3	Documentation of COVID-19 Trends with Public Health and Social Measures	In Progress
Pillar 9	4 Webinars on Mental Health	In Progress
Pillar 10	Anti-Vaccine Hesitancy Campaign	Completed
Pillar 10	A Matter of Fact video conversation series	In Progress

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



At the request of the Ministry of Health of St. Kitts and Nevis, PAHO provided technical cooperation in assisting with the roll-out of the Pfizer vaccine, especially since it is now being administered to children ages 12 -17 years. A team of two (2) PAHO experts visited the country to:

- Discuss the issues of vaccine hesitancy with staff
- Provide information on the Pfizer vaccine and its administration to children
- Review the Events Supposedly Attributable to Vaccination or Immunization (ESAVI) protocols and data capture for surveillance and to discuss with Pediatricians.
- Share Strategic Advisory Group of Experts/World Health Organization (SAGE/WHO) recommendations for Pfizer vaccination
- Facilitate a discussion forum to address concerns that health care workers (HCWs) may have regarding Pfizer vaccine and vaccination
- Strengthen capacities for the delivery of COVID-19 vaccine – Pfizer

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