



COVID-19 Situation Update - 143

15 October 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.



Most countries of the Americas to reach COVID-19 vaccination target by end of year

Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Haiti, Guatemala, and Nicaragua lag behind. PAHO to accelerate vaccine delivery to countries most in need of supplies.

Washington, D.C. October 12, 2021 (PAHO) – Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director, Carissa F. Etienne, said that while Latin America and the Caribbean is on track to reach the WHO COVID-19 vaccination target of 40% before the end of the year, six countries have yet to vaccinate 20% of their populations. The Director also introduced three possible scenarios for the future of the pandemic.

The PAHO Director highlighted that while the overall vaccination rate in Latin America and the Caribbean currently stands at 39%, “in far too many places, coverage is much lower.”

“Six countries in our region have yet to reach 20% of their populations: These are Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Haiti in the Caribbean, and Guatemala and Nicaragua in Central America,” she added.

As more vaccine doses are making their way to the region, countries must “make the necessary preparations so these

Region of the Americas

91,872,642

cases

2,253,924

deaths in

56

countries, areas, or territories

1,134,605,786

total vaccine doses administered

Global

239,437,517

cases

4,879,235

deaths in

236

countries, areas, or territories

6,495,672,032

total vaccine doses administered

doses can be used as quickly as possible,” she highlighted.

PAHO is working to accelerate vaccine deliveries to the Region, including COVAX-procured and donated doses. In the past few days, PAHO worked to fast-track the delivery of 1.3 million vaccine doses donated by Spain, Germany, the United States and Canada, which will be used to boost coverage in Honduras, Guyana, Argentina, and Jamaica.

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COVID-19 highlights

BARBADOS

Since September 1, 2021 there have been 60 deaths due to COVID in Barbados and 21 of them (or 1/3rd) have happened in EPI week 41.

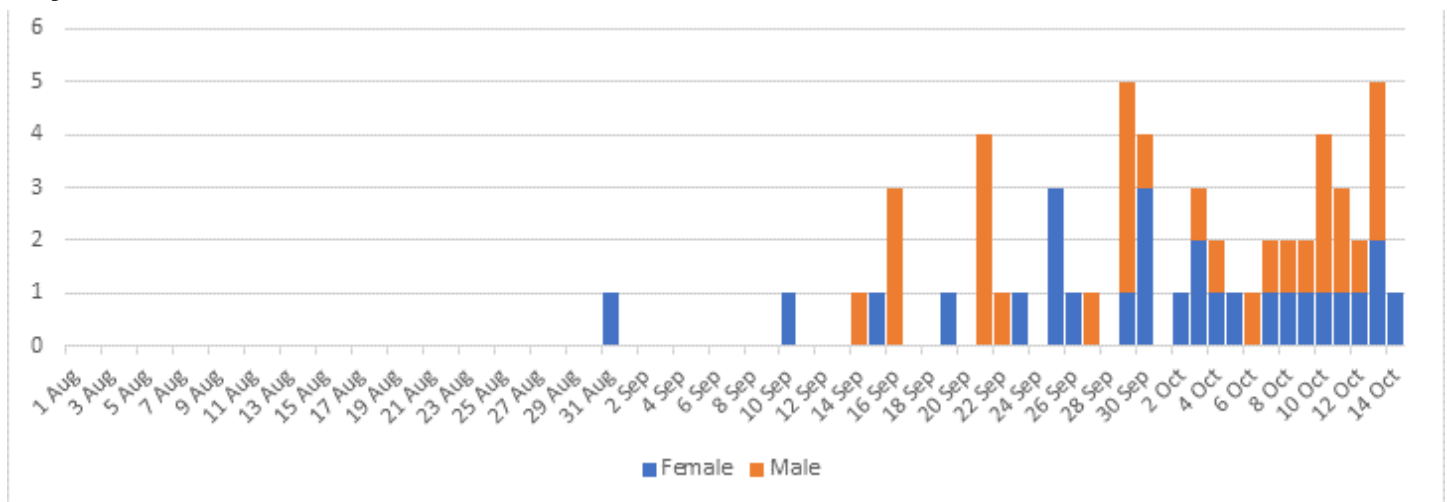
As cases have kept on rising, the increase in deaths being seen in EPI week 41, follows the lag time observed in other countries. Of the 58 people for whom vaccination was reported, 53 were unvaccinated – which emphasizes the protection efficacy of vaccines.

Most deaths have occurred in those 50-69 years old and none in those younger than 30 in the last two months.

Distribution of new Covid-19 deaths for EPI week 41 by age and sex

Age group (years)	Male	Female	Total
<10	0	0	0
10-19	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	0
30-39	1	1	2
40-49	2	1	3
50-59	7	7	14
60-69	9	6	15
70-79	4	5	9
80-89	4	4	8
90+	3	3	6
Total	30	27	57

Reported new Covid-19 deaths in Barbados, 1 August 2021 - 14 October 2021 by sex and date



Barbados recently received 7,000 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccines, a recent gift from the Government and people of Guyana. Individuals classified as "shut-ins" (persons confined indoors), will be prioritised to receive this single dose vaccine.

During the week, the Immunization Unit advised that first doses of the Pfizer vaccine are only being offered to students at present aged 12 to 18 until the supplies are exhausted. Persons who would have received their first dose of Pfizer already were assured that enough doses remain to administer the second dose.

Government announced the establishment of safe zones for the almost 60 percent of Barbados' population who are vaccinated. With this process unvaccinated persons would be tested weekly at the Government's expense, vaccinated persons would also be tested but less frequently.



COVID-19 Vaccination

Country/Territory	Data as of:	People Vaccinated with		7 Day Daily Average of Vaccination
		1 Dose	2 Doses	
Anguilla	11/10/2021	9548	9157	0
Antigua and Barbuda	14/10/2021	9171	45836	120
Barbados	13/10/2021	143151	116084	1519
British Virgin Islands	05/10/2021	17607	15468	76
Dominica	13/10/2021	26806	22024	106
French Guiana	14/10/2021	80908	69329	388
Grenada	14/10/2021	36757	28605	143
Guadeloupe	12/10/2021	126645	114080	2583
Martinique	15/10/2021	125825	106463	792
Montserrat	13/10/2021	2911	1409	0
Saint Barthelemy	12/10/2021	6748	6286	15
Saint Kitts and Nevis	15/10/2021	26331	23122	81
Saint Lucia	14/10/2021	48763	37,204	501
Saint Martin	12/10/2021	12631	11406	22
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	14/10/2021	22811	14566	333

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	15/10/2021	124	0	80	5	668	1
Antigua and Barbuda	13/10/2021	150	4	724	35	3888	95
Barbados	15/10/2021	2044	21			12427	109
British Virgin Islands	05/10/2021	49	0	39		2725	37
Dominica	13/10/2021	260	4	284		4153	28
French Guiana	15/10/2021	833	9		82	43376	295
Grenada	14/10/2021	150	21	181	21	5704	191
Guadeloupe	10/10/2021	255	9		0	54095	809
Martinique	14/10/2021	510	12		0	42428	662
Montserrat	13/10/2021	1	0	9		41	1
Saint Barthelemy	10/10/2021	1	0			1659	4
Saint Kitts and Nevis	15/10/2021	185	4	772		2546	21
Saint Lucia	14/10/2021	233	11	636		12175	233
Saint Martin	10/10/2021	30	0			3888	37
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	14/10/2021	453	9	1531		4418	47

* 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.

PAHO's Response

Technical and Financial support provided July - October 2021

*Pillar	Activity	Status
ANGUILLA		
Pillar 3	6 COVID-19 testers recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	6 data entry clerks recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	3 contact tracers hired	Completed
Pillar 3	3 laptops procured	Completed
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		
Pillar 3	Epidemiologist hired for 6 months	Completed
Pillar 3	3 contact tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	3 laptops for contact tracers recruited	In Progress
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 3	2 laptops procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	20,000 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	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	2500 rt-PCR Kits purchased	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 RT-qPCR Master Mix purchased	In Progress
Pillar 5	Other materials for PCR purchased	In Progress
Pillar 6	130 cases of gloves purchased	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 10	Communications materials on breast feeding and vaccine hesitancy disseminated	Completed
BARBADOS		
Pillar 3	4 contact tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	4 laptops	In Progress
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 visited 20-25 September and 13 staff trained)	Completed
Pillar 6	500,000 3Q Medical Respirators procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	400,000 KN95 Masks procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	400,000 N95 Masks procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	180,000 Sanitizer procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	150,000 Face Shields procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	350,000 Gowns - Impervious procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	350,000 Gowns - Isolation procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	300,000 Nitrile Exam Gloves procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	300,000 Sterile Latex Surgical Gloves procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	150000 Shoe Covers procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	200000 Germicidal Disposable Wipes procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	200000 Caviwipes procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	50 oxygen tanks procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	1 Mobile Primary Care Clinic procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 vehicles procurement procured	In Progress
DOMINICA		
Pillar 4	2 Port Health Surveillance Officers hired	Completed
Pillar 4	Epidemiologist hired for 3 months	In Progress
Pillar 4	2 LCD Monitors for Surveillance Unit procured	In Progress

Pillar 4	5 Computers procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	GeneXpert machine procurement	In Progress
Pillar 5	20000 Nasopharyngeal Swabs for Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	10000 Nasopharyngeal Swabs for Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	Review of functions and future operation of National Laboratory procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	30,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 7	10 High Flow Oxygen Machines procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	1 ABG Machine procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	10 Infusion Pumps procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	20 Oxygen Cylinders (empty) procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	20 QC Pulse Oximeter procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	20 Portable Nebulizer Set procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	1 High Flow Ventilator procured	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 procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	Supportive Guidelines on the Clinical Management of Cases	Completed
Pillar 10	7 Data Entry Clerks recruited for 3 months	Completed
Pillar 10	7 vaccine promoters recruited	Completed
Pillar 10	7 hand held devices procure	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 procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	3 boxes/300 strips each MicroAmp Optical 8 cap strips procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	10 packs/500 per pack, 1.5 ml DNA/RNA free microcentrifuge PCR tubes procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (10µl) procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (200 µl) procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (1000 µl) procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	Air Freight	In Progress
Pillar 5	Primers and probes procured	Completed
Pillar 5	80,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits procured	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 procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	1000 Pulse oximeters procured	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 procured	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 recruited	In Progress
Pillar 10	8 Laptops with accessories procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	4 Mobile Wifi Devices procured	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
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
Pillar 5	6- XPRSARS-COV-2-10 KIT,XPRESS,SARS-COV-2,10 TEST	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 procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	10,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 data entry clerks recruited	Completed
Pillar 10	1 laptop received	Completed
Pillar 10	5 laptops procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 -20 freezers procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 1 vehicle (double cam pickup)	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 Televisions for the Clinics (Pfizer Vaccine Roll Out) procured	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	Procurement of Camera and Camcorder plus accessories as per request	In Progress
Pillar 3	8 Laptop Community COVID-10 Monitoring Team procured	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Laptop procured	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Desktop procured	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Computer Monitor procured	In Progress
Pillar 4	100 Eye Goggles procure	In Progress
Pillar 4	100 Hearing Aid Muffs procured	In Progress
Pillar 4	24 First Aid Kits procure	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 procured	In Progress
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 procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	ICU Medications List	In Progress
Pillar 7	40 Handheld temperature scanner procure	In Progress
Pillar 7	25 Pulse Oximeter procure	In Progress

Pillar 7	Deployment of 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 10	Supervisor for Data Entry Clerks hire	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of Tables, Chairs and Tents	In Progress
Pillar 10	Consultancy Behaviour Change Consultancy/Vaccine Hesitancy hired	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 vaccine data entry clerks recruit	In Progress
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		
Pillar 5	10 boxes/1000 reactions each - RT-PCR Kit procured	Completed
Pillar 5	20250 Rapid Antigen Tests procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	60 kits / 10 test each - GeneXpert RT-PCR Kit procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	Biosafety Cabinet procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	5000 Gowns - non porous procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	30 Oxygen Cylinders - "H" Size empty procure	In Progress
Pillar 7	14 Bed Partition on Wheels procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	60 Oxygen Regulator 2 - 15 LPM CGA-540 procure	In Progress
Pillar 7	Procurement of 1 Bus for transportation of patients	In Progress
Pillar 7	9 Oxygen flowmeters procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	41 Oxygen regulators procure	In Progress
Pillar 7	2 ECG Machines procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	25 laptops procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	9 computer stands procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	On-site assistance for Tuttnauer Sterilizer	In Progress
Pillar 10	10 vaccine data entry clerks recruit	Completed
Pillar 10	4 tablets and 12 laptops procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	Vaccine hesitancy survey and communications campaign rolled out	Completed
Pillar 10	1 Refrigerator procured	Completed
Pillar 10	EPI coordination consultant hired	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 ESAVI trays procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	AC and Fan procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	Rental of vehicle for communication + communication material	In Progress
Pillar 10	1 retired nurse ward management hired	In Progress
Pillar 10	1 retired ward manager hire	In Progress
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)		
Pillar 3	2 surveillance officers hire	Completed
Pillar 3	1 contact tracer recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	Procurement of 5 laptops, back-packs and accessories	Completed
MONTSEERRAT		
Pillar 7	Oxygen Plant	In Progress
Pillar 10	Ultra Cold Temperature Freezer procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 22 Tablets for Data Entry	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 4 Computers	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 rolled out	Completed
Pillar 10	Production of A Matter of Fact video conversation series	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

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