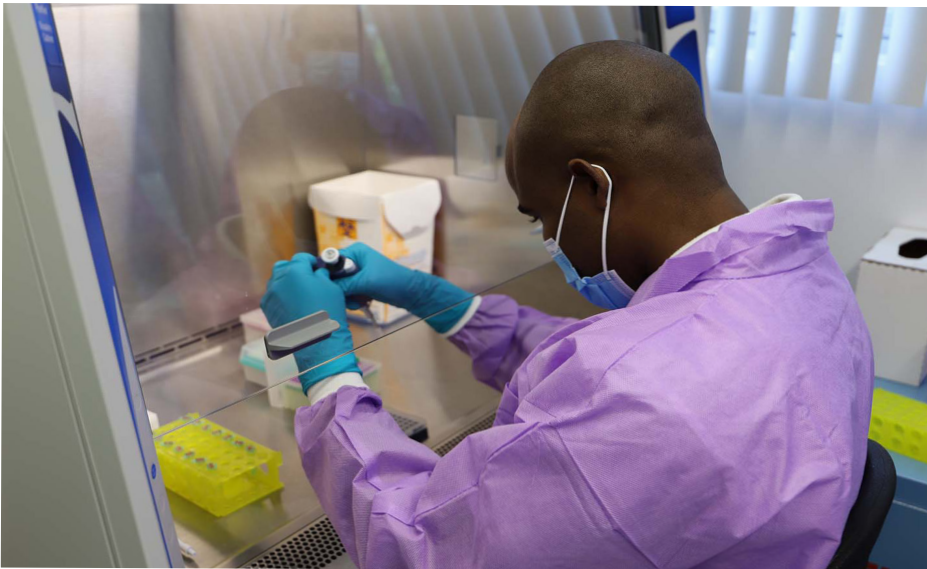




## COVID-19 Situation Update - 144

22 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.



### Local hotspots drive new COVID-19 cases in the Americas, calling for increased surveillance

*PAHO Director says spikes seen in several countries and surveillance critical to identify local outbreaks and prevent further spread of the disease.*

Washington, D.C., October 20, 2021 (PAHO) -- While overall vaccination coverage has reached 41% in Latin America and the Caribbean, surveillance will remain key to identifying new risks and responding to local infection hotspots, the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Carissa F. Etienne said.

The PAHO Director warned of increased infection rates in the Caribbean, parts of Canada, Mexico, Bolivia, and Venezuela, and underscored the need to track

and manage infections closely as vaccine rollout continues.

“Surveillance has always been the eyes and ears to guide our COVID response,” Dr Etienne said during a press briefing, “as we navigated our pandemic peaks and as we continue to track emerging variants.”

“Health authorities should have a clear picture of what is happening at the local level and quickly communicate both the risks and the public health measures needed to reduce transmission,” she said.

For municipalities to detect risks as they emerge, the Director added, institutions such as laboratories, public health schools and univer

### Region of the Americas

**92,640,712**  
cases

**2,272,988**  
deaths in

**56**  
countries, areas, or territories

**1,166,178,399**  
total vaccine doses administered

### Global

**242,348,657**  
cases

**4,927,723**  
deaths in

**236**  
countries, areas, or territories

**6,655,399,359**  
total vaccine doses administered

sities must also be empowered to diagnose new infections locally.

She also called for enhancing surveillance tools and networks to monitor diseases more efficiently and sustainably, adding that PAHO is working with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to implement a new PCR test protocol to simultaneously detect COVID-19 and influenza from the same sample.

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COVID-19 highlights

ANGUILLA - Effective November 1, 2021, amendments will be made to the entry regime for all fully vaccinated arrivals - whether a visitor or returning resident.

BARBADOS - The roll out of booster shots, began on Wednesday October 20, 2021, starting with staff of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Effective Sunday, October 24, 2021 fully vaccinated travellers to Barbados with a valid negative pre-flight Covid-19 PCR test result will no longer be required to take a Covid-19 test or quarantine on arrival to the island.

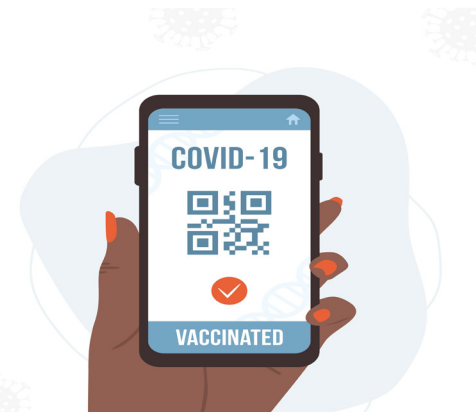


Table with columns: Country/Territory, Data as of, People Vaccinated with (1 Dose, 2 Doses), 7 Day Daily Average of Vaccination. Lists various countries and their vaccination statistics.

\*Red indicates decreasing trend compared to previous 7 day period, green indicates increase

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Table with columns: Country/Territory, Data as of, Situation in last 7 days (New Cases, New Deaths), Active Cases, Hospitalized, Situation since the start of the pandemic (Cases, Deaths). Lists surveillance data for various territories.

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