

# COVID-19

PAHO JAMAICA CO EOC – COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT #508  
30 JUNE 2022 (as at 6:00 p.m.)  
JAMAICA, BERMUDA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUMMARY

Country	Confirmed Cases (New within 24hrs)	Active Cases (% of Total Cases)	Hospitalized (% Active Cases)	Deaths (New within 24hrs)	Case Fatality Rate (%)	Total Tests (Cum. Positivity Rate)	Transmission
Jamaica <sup>i</sup>	142,894 (121)	1,287 (0.9%)	112 (8.7%)	3,128 (4)	2.2%	1,129,527 (12.7%)	Community Transmission
Bermuda <sup>ii</sup>	16,162 (25)	229 (1.4%)	5 (2.2%)	140 (2 in 7 days)	0.9%	950,858 (1.7%)	Community Transmission
Cayman Islands <sup>iii</sup>	27,594 (74)	865 (3.1%)	8 (0.9%)	29 (1 in 7 days)	0.1%	Pending	Community Transmission

### JAMAICA:

Table 1. Summary as at end of Epidemiological Week 25 (19 – 25 June 2022)

Confirmed Cases	New Cases	% Change in New Cases in last 7 days	Deaths	New Deaths	% Change in New Deaths in last 7 days
142,440	808	-30.9%	3,119	25	127.3%

**TRENDS IN CASES & DEATHS:** As of 29 June 2022 (reported 30 June 2022), Jamaica confirmed **142,894** cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) with **121 new cases** confirmed in the past 24 hours. Active cases accounted for 0.9% of confirmed cases. **New cases have decreased by 30.9% and deaths have increased by 127.3% during EW 25.** As of 29 June 2022, there are currently **3,128 COVID-19 related deaths**, with 4 deaths reported within the last 24 hours. Since 1 March 2021 and up to 29 June 2022, unvaccinated cases accounted for 97.1% of deaths.

On 29 June 2022, there were 112 hospitalized cases, representing 8.7% of active cases. Of these cases, 26.7% (n=30) were moderately ill, 9.8% (n=11) were severely ill, and 5.4% (n=6) were critically ill. Kingston & St. Andrew (26.4%, n=37,656) and St. Catherine (17.9%, n=25,477) had the highest cumulative number of cases.

A total of 1,129,527 samples were tested with a **daily positivity rate of 17.7%** and a cumulative positivity rate of 12.7% on 29 June 2022.

<sup>i</sup> Cases and deaths as at 29 June 2022, reported 30 June 2022.

<sup>ii</sup> Cases and deaths as at 27 June 2022, reported 29 June 2022.

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## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

During the week of 26 June 2022, the Ministry of Health announced that July 2022 would be observed as Health Care Workers Appreciation Month with many activities to celebrate the contribution of health care workers to the preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Jamaica.

## BERMUDA:

### TRENDS IN CASES & DEATHS:

As of 27 June 2022 (reported on 29 June 2022), Bermuda confirmed a total of **16,162 cases** of Coronavirus Disease 2019, with **25 new cases** within the last 24-hour period. There were 229 active cases (1.4% of total cases), 5 hospitalized cases (2.2% of active cases), with no ICU admissions. New cases have increased by **0.9% during EW 23**, with the total number of **deaths increasing by 2 to 140**.



Table 2. Summary as at end of Epidemiological Week 25 (19 – 25 June 2022).

Confirmed Cases	New Cases in last 7 days	% Change in New Cases in last 7 days	Deaths	New Deaths in last 7 days	% Change in Deaths in last 7 days	Positivity Rate	% Change in Positivity Rate in last 7 days
16,108	197	-14.3%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

On 1 July 2022, the Minister of Health advised of the following:

Yesterday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, our mass vaccination programme ended. A campaign that saw over 75% of the total population fully immunized, and over 85% of the eligible population either vaccinated or fully immunized, since our vaccination programme began January 11, 2021.

Bermuda residents have received approximately 135,000 vaccinations.

This is indeed great news for Bermuda. Our vaccination programme went tremendously well.

Bermuda's Covid-19 vaccination programme surpassed the World Health Organisation's goal of 70 per cent immunization of a population ahead of the June 30 target.

## CAYMAN ISLANDS:

**TRENDS IN CASES & DEATHS:** As of 27 June 2022 (reported 29 June 2022), Cayman Islands confirmed that there was a total of **27,594 cases**, with **424 new cases during EW 25 (19 – 25 June 2022)**. This represented an increase of 15% in the case rate from 532 cases per 100,000 population to 611 cases per 100,000. A total of **29 COVID-19 related deaths** were recorded since March 2020, with **1 death occurring within the**

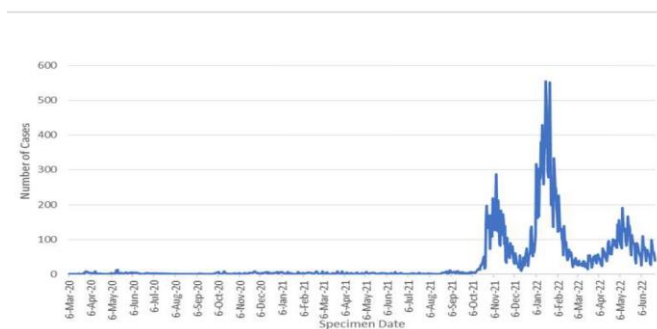
**last 7 days.** There were 12 hospitalized cases in Epi Week 25, with one receiving treatment in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Ten were new hospitalizations which was a 100% increase over the previous week.

**Table 3. Summary as at end of Epidemiological Week 25 (19 – 25 June 2022).**

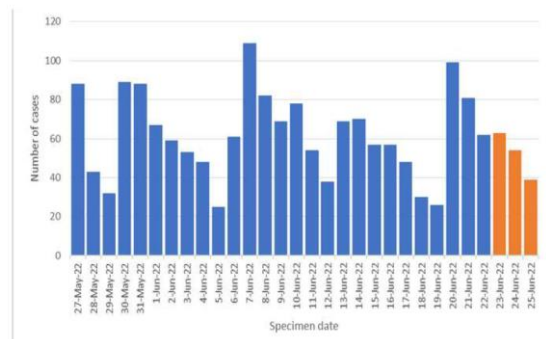
Confirmed Cases	New Cases in last 7 days	% Change in New Cases in last 7 days	Deaths	New Deaths in last 7 days	% Change in Deaths in last 7 days	Positivity Rate of PCR tests	% Change in Positivity Rate in PCR tests in the last 7 days
27594	424	8%	28	0	0%	28%	9.7%

**Figures 1 & 2. Trend in daily cases Mar 2020 – 25 June 2022**

Total COVID-19 cases since March 2020 by specimen date



Number of COVID-19 cases in the last 30 days by specimen date



Orange bars indicate some PCR results are pending.

The test positivity rate increased to 28% in Epi Week 25 from 26% in the previous week, while the number of PCR tests conducted has increased by 2% to 1,499 from 1,467, for the same period.

## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

As of 30 June 2022, new travel requirements were announced, as below:

1. There is no requirement to undergo a COVID-19 test prior to arriving in the Cayman Islands.
2. All travellers are strongly encouraged by the Medical Officer of Health to complete daily lateral flow tests for their first seven days post-arrival.

## PAHO CO UPDATE:

### PILLAR 1 – COORDINATION, PLANNING, FINANCING, AND MONITORING

- a. PAHO CO continued the implementation of COVID-19 response activities within 8 COVID-19 Awards / Grants and Contributions.
  - i. USG Contributions: PAHO CO continued with the procurement process of cold chain equipment in collaboration with PRO, CDC and procurement of 50 tablets for field team for data management for care of COVID-19 patients. – 29 June 2022
  - ii. USAID GH-ARP: PAHO CO continued with procurement of equipment and supplies for vaccination and clinical management in collaboration with PRO, WDC. Specifications for 11 generators are being reviewed by PAHO – 29 June 2022.
  - iii. US CDC COAG: PAHO CO is collaborating with PRO, WDC to procure medical and surgical equipment and supplies with funds re-directed from ambulance procurement. – 29 June 2022.

iv. Canada Vaccination project: The work plan was revised with implementation of activities, such as procurement of 30 tablets and salary payment for vaccination consultant and communication consultant – 29 June 2022.

v. CYM - EU RESEMBID / Expertise France project – The project is awaiting approval from the donors and PAHO Legal Team.

b. PAHO CO remains embedded in the MOHW, JAM EOC and provides 24-hr technical support and guidance, including at the weekly EOC briefing meeting.

c. PAHO CO maintained the technical lead for Health for the COVID-19 response within the UNCT and the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) system.

#### **PILLAR 4 – POINTS OF ENTRY, INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT, AND MASS GATHERINGS**

a. PAHO CO supported and briefed the IHR Stakeholders Advisory Group bi-monthly meeting, including MOHW, IHR NFP and Points of Entry staff on COVID-19 and Monkeypox. – 28 June 2022.

b. PAHO CO continued to provide reminders to the IHR NFP, JAM on follow-up of information received from PAHO IHR on travellers after departure from Jamaica and the provision of reports – 29 June 2022.

#### **PILLAR 9: MAINTAINING ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SYSTEMS**

a. Smart Health Care Facilities Project.

The monthly monitoring meeting was held with the MOHW to finalize arrangements including for data capture for the KAP, and water and energy usage before and after retrofitting at Smart facilities.

b. PAHO/MOHW COVID-19 Intra-Action Review Workshop: Re-scheduling was completed for two workshops which will be held from 7 – 9 September 2022 and 5 – 7 October 2022.

c. Planning continues for other technical cooperation activities requested for core health emergency preparedness and response programmes, including Health EOC training for October – December 2022. – 29 June 2022.

d. PAHO CO hired 2 Consultants – 2 for FPL (1 from June -September 2022 and 1 from June – December 2022 to provide specific support within the Family, Health Promotion and Life course program areas that a) address the needs of Older Persons within the context of the Decade for Healthy Ageing b) support the Empowering Adolescents survey and intervention program c) support program to identify young children with Sickle Cell Disease that may have been missed during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic – June 2022.

#### **PILLAR 10 - VACCINATION**

a. PAHO CO hired one consultant to provide support from June – December 2022 to the National Routine Immunization program, that has been negatively impacted as staff members were re-directed to the COVID-19 response, including the immunization program.

b. PAHO CO finalized procurement of 50 additional refrigerators to enhance the cold chain and supported other activities related to COVID-19 vaccines. – 27 June 2022.

c. On-going technical guidance was provided for the MOHW, Jamaica on vaccine supply, storage and delivery.

#### **GAPS / CHALLENGES**

1. Vaccine coverage remains low in Jamaica with a lack of evidence of the causation for various population groups, whether vaccine hesitancy, access and/or other reasons.

2. The COVID-19 pandemic has delayed review, strengthening and implementation of the health emergency / disaster risk management programmes, including plans for Health EOC capacity building to include the Medical Information and Coordination Cell (CICOM) for the Emergency Medical Team, for Jamaica, Bermuda and Cayman.
3. Intra Action Reviews have not been conducted in JAM, BMU and CYM and will be arranged for the second semester in 2022 to ensure that recommendation for strengthening pandemic preparedness and response can be provided based on lessons identified for the COVID-19 response.

## **NEEDS**

### **1. JAMAICA**

- a. Health EOC strengthening.
- b. Assessment of causation for low COVID-19 vaccination coverage to guide implementation of appropriate strategies
- c. Laboratory and medical equipment and supplies.
- d. Strengthening of pandemic preparedness planning.

### **2. BERMUDA**

- a. Strengthening of the Health Disaster Management Programme and Health EOC establishment and management

### **3. CAYMAN ISLANDS**

- a. Strengthening of the Health Disaster Management Programme and surveillance were noted as priorities to enhance the COVID-19 and any other responses for health emergencies.
- b. Strengthening of Health EOC establishment and management.