

COVID-19 Situation Update - 7

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This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases and deaths, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.

- The most effective way to prevent infections and save lives is breaking the chains of transmission. To do that, you must test and isolate.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) continues to recommend that people who are contacts of laboratory-confirmed cases, be quarantined for 14 days from the last time they were exposed to a COVID-19 patient. This is because people infected with COVID-19 can still infect others **after** they stop feeling sick, WHO has recommended that people infected with COVID-19 isolate themselves for 2 weeks **after** they stop feeling sick.
- There is currently no strong data to suggest that people living with HIV (PLHIV) are at a higher risk of acquiring SARS-CoV-2 or developing more severe COVID-19 if they do acquire it, especially if their immune system is not compromised, although people with underlying conditions and a weaker immune system may be most vulnerable to COVID-19 infection.

Updates

Global

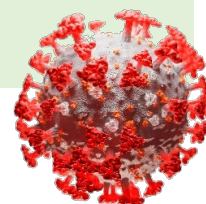
465,915 confirmed cases, **21,031** deaths in **199** countries, areas or territories.

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81,139 confirmed cases, **1,176** deaths in **48** countries, areas or territories

Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories

**BE AWARE.
PREPARE.
ACT.**



Today, Anguilla recorded two (2) cases and Grenada six (6) new cases.

Country	Confirmed	Deaths	Status	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency
Anguilla	2	0	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Antigua & Barbuda	3	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	-
Barbados	18	0	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
British Virgin Islands	0	0	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dominica	7	0	Clusters cases only	-	-	-	-
French Guiana	28	0	?	-	Yes	-	-
Grenada	7	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guadeloupe	76	0	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-
Martinique	66	0	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	-	-
Montserrat	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	-
Saint Lucia	3	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
St Kitts & Nevis	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	-
St Vincent & the Grenadines	1	0	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-
Total	215	0					

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories. 'Sporadic cases only' indicates countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected. 'Cluster of cases' indicates countries/territories/areas experiencing cases clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures.

Data in red new.

PAHO's Response

PAHO has deployed teams to assist with Infection Prevention Control (IPC), Health Systems Organization, Risk Communication and Community Engagement.

Here is the PAHO team on a recent visit to St Vincent and the Grenadines.



Meeting with the Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Hon Luke Browne



Tour of the Emergency Room of the Bequia Hospital in St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Dr Jean Marie Rwangabwoba sensitizing officers of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force on COVID-19 preparedness



Inspects an COVID-19 triaging station at the Bequia Hospital



Cross-section of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Officers at the Sensitization and education session



Dr Rufus Ewing (third from left) as a panelist on the St. Vincent and the Grenadines TV program "The View Point" talking about COVID-19 preparedness

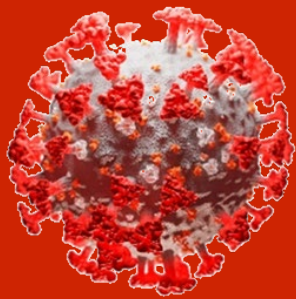


Mr Elliott, Head of Laboratory Services at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital discussing preparedness strategies for COVID-19 testing with Dr. Rufus Ewing and Nicole Slack-Liburd of PAHO



Dr Rufus Ewing engaging the Ward Sister, Deputy Hospital Administrator and Senior Physician of the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital on the readiness of the COVID-19 Isolation Unit

Statement regarding fraudulent messages about PAHO/WHO and COVID-19



Fraudulent messages are being shared about the new coronavirus COVID-19, claiming to be from the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization. The majority of these are via email but others are shared on websites or social media platforms.

Many of these messages request information under the false premise that funds, or other benefits, will be received by the Organization.

PAHO/WHO wishes to warn the public that these messages do not come from PAHO/WHO and are in no way related to the Organization's projects or initiatives. PAHO/WHO recommends that anyone in receipt of these types of message verifies their authenticity before responding.

The Organization recommends that no personal information be sent to anyone who claims to issue funds or grants on behalf of PAHO/WHO.

For official information for the public, please check the PAHO website (www.paho.org) and the WHO website (www.who.int). For more information on COVID-19, visit www.paho.org/coronavirus. The Organization's official social media accounts are: Twitter (@pahowho), Facebook (@PAHO-WHO), Instagram (@OPSPAHO) y LinkedIn (pan-american-health-organization).