

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.

- COVID-19 is primarily transmitted between people through respiratory droplets (for instance produced when a sick person coughs) and close contact with sick people or contaminated surfaces. Droplets are too large to be airborne for long periods of time, and quickly settle out of air. This is why WHO recommends that everyone maintain hand and respiratory hygiene and regularly clean and disinfect surfaces.
- In the context of COVID-19, airborne transmission may be possible in specific circumstances and settings in which procedures that generate aerosols are performed, generally in healthcare settings. The use of medical masks and respirators should be prioritized for these circumstances.
- No treatment and vaccine exist yet but researchers around the world are working hard on this. So far, WHO has received applications for review and approval of 40 diagnostic tests, 50 vaccines are in development and many clinical trials of therapeutics are underway. We expect the first results in a few weeks.
- COVID-19 could have serious social, economic and political consequences, especially for the most vulnerable. We call on governments to put in place social welfare measures to ensure vulnerable people have food and other life essentials during this crisis.



## **Updates**

### Global

976,249 confirmed cases,50,489 deaths *in*206 countries, areas or territories

PAHO - Region of the Americas
247,473 confirmed cases,
5,600 deaths *in*51 countries, areas or territories

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

Country	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	No of Tests	Transmission Type	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency (Curfew ends)	COVID-19 Web Address and Hotline
Anguilla	3	0	-	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
Antigua & Barbuda	9	0	40	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes (9 April 2020)	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
Barbados	51	0	382	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (14 April 2020)	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
British Virgin Islands	3	0	52	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	(16 April 2020)	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
Dominica	14	0	185	Cluster cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (20 April 2020)	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
French Guiana	46	0	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-	
Grenada	12	0	45	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (6 April 2020)	<u>https://covid19.gov.gd/</u> (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
Guadeloupe	128	6	-	Cluster of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-	http://www.guadeloupe.gouv.fr
Martinique	119	2	-	Cluster of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	- (15 April 2020)	http://www.martinique.gouv.fr/
Montserrat	5	0	-	Sporadic cases only	Yes	-	Yes	(14 April 2020)	http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/
Saint Lucia	13	0	139	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	
St Kitts & Nevis	9	0	113	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes (9 April 2020)	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
St Vincent & the Grenadines	7	0	31	Sporadic cases only	-	-	-	-	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
Total	419	8							

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.

Disclaimer: 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

PAHO supports countries by assisting with the procurement of essential equipment and supplies. Yesterday, 2 April 2020, Dominica received 3000 reagents from PAHO, which were transported by the Regional Security Services (RSS). Mr Chris Stewart, PAHO Logistical Consultant, collected the reagents and presented to Mrs Catherine Jemmot, Laboratory Director. The reagents are a component of the laboratory supplies required to perform COVID-19 diagnostic tests.



WHO has partnered with **Whatsapp** and **Facebook** and launched an easy-to-use messaging service to help keep people safe from coronavirus.

Receive the latest news and information on coronavirus straight to your phone, including details on symptoms, situation updates, frequently asked questions, and how people can protect themselves and others with correct information.

Text "hi" to get started.

For more information on COVID-19 visit: <u>www.paho.org/coronavirus</u> Visit our website: <u>www.paho.org/ecc</u> Have questions about COVID-19? We have answers



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