

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

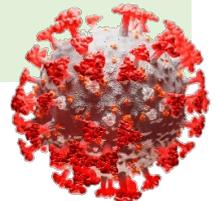
**512,701** confirmed cases, **23,495** deaths in **201** countries, areas or territories.

### PAHO - Region of the Americas

**100,314** confirmed cases, **1,485** deaths in **51** countries, areas or territories

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

**BE AWARE.  
 PREPARE.  
 ACT.**



Yesterday, six (6) new cases were recorded in Barbados.

Country	Confirmed	Deaths	Transmission Type	Schools Closed	Travel Restrictions	Social Distance	State of Emergency
Anguilla	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Antigua & Barbuda	7	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
Barbados	24	0	Clusters of cases	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
British Virgin Islands	2	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dominica	7	0	Clusters cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
French Guiana	31	0	?	-	Yes	Yes	-
Grenada	7	0	Sporadic cases only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guadeloupe	96	0	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	Yes	-
Martinique	66	0	Clusters of cases	-	Yes	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	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>0</b>					

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. \*Correction Saint Lucia reported 3 cases as of 27 March 2020

## 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 Kitts and Nevis.



Dr Jean Marie Rwangabwoba conducting a training session on surveillance and contact tracing



Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Joseph N France General Hospital in St. Kitts



Ambulance designated for the COVID-19 response and the Tent Flu triage area outside of the Emergency Room of the Joseph N France General Hospital



Dr Rufus Ewing and Infection Prevention and Control Nurse Outside the National Emergency Management Agency after completing IPC training of Health staff

### 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](http://www.paho.org)) and the WHO website ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int)). For more information on COVID-19, visit [www.paho.org/coronavirus](http://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).