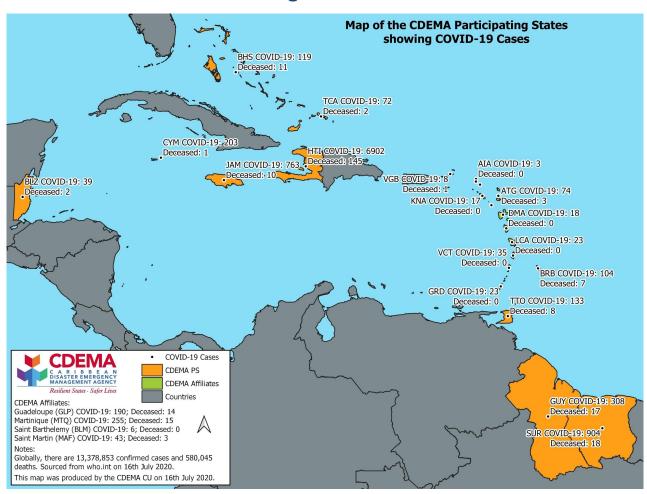


COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN CDEMA PARTICIPATING STATES

SITUATION REPORT No. 18

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 16 JULY, 2020

Some CDEMA Participating States begin to reopen borders as they continue to manage the COVID-19 situation



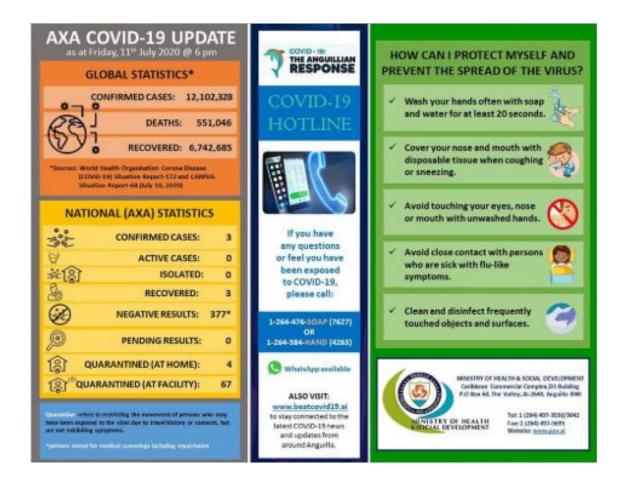
COVID-19 Regional Surveillance Update for 16th June - The George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, U.W.I.

In the week to Thursday July 16, 2020 among the 20 CARICOM members and associate members, there have been 697 new confirmed cases (compared to 692 last week, and 902 two weeks ago) and 25 new confirmed deaths (compared to 23 last week, and 20 two weeks ago). Most of these new cases were identified in Haiti (416). The remaining 281 cases were reported in 13 countries: Antigua and Barbuda (1 case); The Bahamas (13 cases); Barbados (6 cases); Belize (9 cases); Bermuda (1 case); Cayman Islands (2 cases); Guyana (28 cases); Jamaica (12 cases); Montserrat (1 case); St. Kitts and Nevis (1 case); St. Vincent and the Grenadines (6 cases); Suriname (184 cases); Turks and Caicos Islands (17 cases).

In the past 24 hours there have been 129 new confirmed cases and 3 new confirmed deaths. With 6902 confirmed cases, 416 of these in the past week, Haiti remains the outbreak hotspot among the CARICOM members. The continuing outbreak in neighbouring Dominican Republic (47,671 cases, 8083 in the past week, 929 deaths) compounds the situation in Haiti.



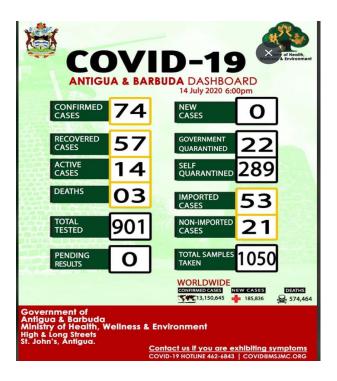
ANGUILLA – Department of Disaster Management (DDM)



Further information on the COVID-19 response in Anguilla is available at https://beatcovid19.ai/news/



ANTIGUA & BARBUDA – National Office of Disaster Services (NODS)



Cases

 As at 14th July, 2020 there are 14 active cases from the total of 74 confirmed cases.

Emergency Powers

- Curfew is from 11 pm- 5 a.m. For more details visit:
 https://antiguanewsroom.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/No.-42-Extraordinary-Gazette-10th-June-2020.pdf
- Churches, beauty salons, barber shops, gyms and bars can now operate under strict guidelines. Other businesses are also allowed to operate.

Borders

- Nine (9) new health declaration desks have been installed at the V C Bird International Airport to make the screening process of travelers more efficient.
- Visitors arriving in Antigua & Barbuda on commercial flights staying at approved accommodation are evaluated for COVID-19 with a series of health screenings, temperature checks and nose swabs taken for the coronavirus test.
- Regulations published under Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations, 2020 require visitors to Antigua & Barbuda to pay US\$ 100 for a COVID-19 test.

Repatriation

- Since the opening of the borders on June 1, more than 4,000 visitors have landed at the V.C. Bird International Airport. Of that number, only 20 persons arriving on US carriers have been tested positive and have been repatriated.
- For details on procedures please refer to www.visitantiguabarbuda.com

Other

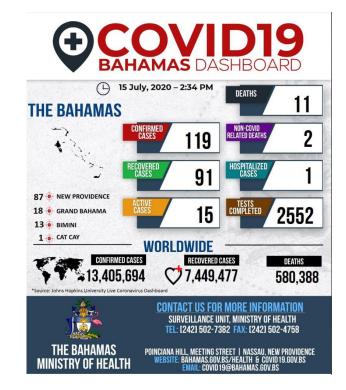
Distribution of food packages continues by the government and various private entities.



THE BAHAMAS – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

Emergency Powers

- Curfew remains in place, from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Public Service employees returned to work on Monday June 29th, 2020. Business establishments can operate between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All schools and educational institutions remain closed unless otherwise indicated, but are permitted to operate remotely.
- From June 29th, 2020, all public beaches and parks were reopened with a requirement to observe physical distancing protocols.
- A temporary closure order was issued for beaches on select islands, from 10:00 p.m. 9th July to 5:00 a.m. 13th July 2020. The affected islands were Athol Island, Grand Bahama, New Providence, Paradise Island, Rose Island and any other cays surrounding New Providence. https://opm.gov.bs/emergency-powers-covid19-pandemic-beaches-order/
- Bars, discotheques, cinemas and cultural entertainment facilities remain closed.
- Further details can be found via: https://opm.gov.bs/emergency-powers-no-4-amend-no-2/

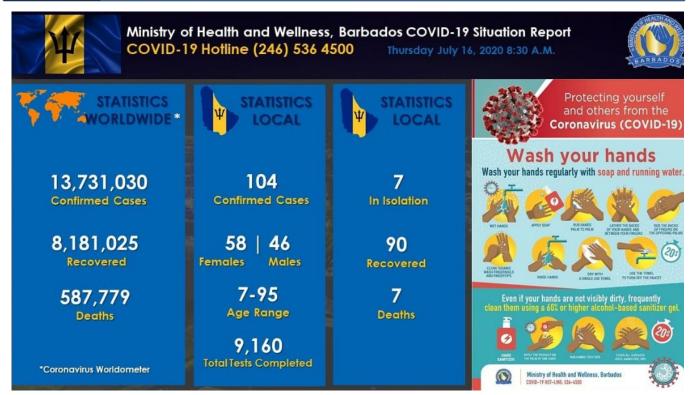


Borders

- Borders opened as of 12:00 a.m. July 1st, 2020 to international commercial travel. The borders are open to all
 travellers, nationals and legal residents, visitors from all countries who meet the entry requirements, commercial
 airlines, private aviation planes and chargers, cruise ships and private ships and charters
- From July 1st, 2020, persons entering the country will be required to undergo RTPCR COVID 19 testing at an accredited lab.
- Several other associated guidelines were shared during the Ministry of Health Press Conference COVID-19 Update on 2 July 2020: https://www.facebook.com/MOHBahamas/videos/271685124060700
- All incoming travelers are required to apply for Bahamas Health Visa Card via https://travel.gov.bs/



BARBADOS – Department of Emergency Management (DEM)



Cases

• According to the latest COVID-19 dashboard, the number of recorded cases stand at 97, with seven deaths. Authorities have conducted 7,934 tests to date.

Borders

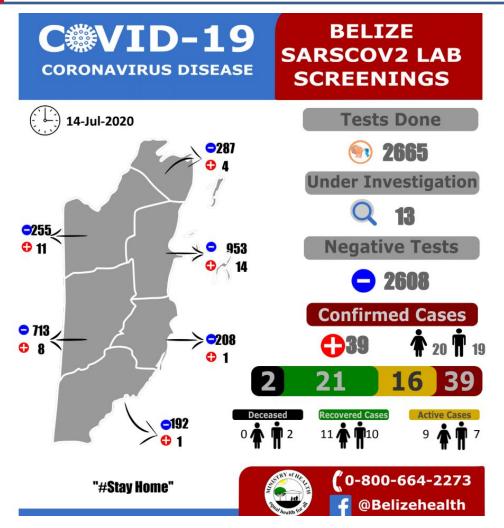
 The Ministry of Health and Wellness has implemented a new policy which allows home quarantine for passengers arriving on flights which originated in countries classified as low risk for COVID-19 cases. The policy may be accessed at: https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/blog/new-home-quarantine-policy-for-covid-19/

Reopening

 The protocols for reopening may be accessed at: https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/blog/guidelines-for-reopening-of-day-nurseries-pre-schools/



BELIZE – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)



Emergency Powers

- As at July 14, 2020, there are 39 confirmed cases of which there are 16 active cases and 21 recoveries.
- Further details on policies in effect in Belize may be accessed at: https://www.facebook.com/Belizehealth

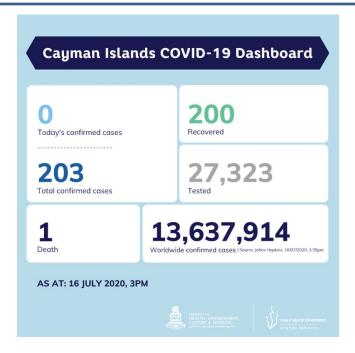
Repatriation

• Controlled repatriation remains in effect for displaced Belizeans abroad. Further details are available at: https://www.repatriation.covid19.bz/Forms/Landing.





CAYMAN ISLANDS – Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI)



Reopening

- As of 21 June, 2020, the Islands entered Level 2 Suppression, in which a number of restrictions have been eased. Restrictions will continue to be eased in phases on 5 July and 19 July, 2020.
- Information on the current restrictions for each island may be viewed here https://www.exploregov.ky/suppression-levels-covid19
- On July 10th, 2020 new regulations came into effect that partially lifted the restrictions on boating and travel within the islands. The details of the order may be viewed here:
 http://www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12984522.PDF
- For more information visit: https://www.exploregov.ky/coronavirus

Borders

 The opening of the borders is still on track for 1 September 2020. However, this decision will be determined by world conditions in relation to COVID-19 closer to that time.

Repatriation

- As of 17 June, repatriation flights to Chennai, India are scheduled for 3 July.
- The priority remains for Caymanians and Permanent Residents, and other work permit holders, to return to the Islands via evacuation flights.



DOMINICA – Office of Disaster Management





GRENADA – National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA)

Cases

As at 16 July 2020, there are no active COVID-19 cases in Grenada...

Repatriation

 The Government facilitated the repatriation of 20 Indian nationals on Tuesday 14 July in collaboration with the Government of India. Passengers were mainly students and professors from St. Georges University and stranded tourists.

Borders

Grenada has issued a traveler's guide <u>'Entering Grenada</u>' that outlines entry requirements for persons travelling to Grenada from countries in green zones (19 or less new cases/ 100, 000 persons in the last 14 days), yellow zones (20-59 new cases/ 100,000 in the last 14 days) and red zone countries (60 or more new cases/ 100,000 in the last 14 days). From 15 July, 2020, passengers travelling from green zone countries such as CARICOM countries were allowed. No commercial flight is expected as yet. Beginning 1 August, passengers from yellow zone countries will be allowed. These include, Canada, Germany and United Kingdom. This advisory is subject to change.

Emergency Powers

Curfew was lifted on 7 July, 2020. The last accessed Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No 15)
Regulations 2020 was issued for the period 7:00 a.m. on the 7th day of July, 2020 and ending at 11:59
p.m. on the 14th day of July, 2020. It may be accessed here:
https://www.gov.gd/emergency-powers-covid-19-regulations-sro-46-2020/

Other

- More that 7000 persons have benefitted from the Government's COVID-19 stimulus package and
 unemployment benefits. The stimulus package which originally covered a three month period is being
 considered for extension given the continued impact of the pandemic, closure of borders and restricted
 economic activity in some sectors.
- In anticipation of the reopening of the country to commercial flights, capacity for contact tracing and testing has been scaled up.
 - At least 70 new contact tracers have been trained.
 - There are over 15, 000 rapid tests available on island (3 month supply).
 - The PCR facility at the General Hospital is being deployed. This Facility and the one at St. Georges University are being outfitted to test 300 samples per day. In comparison, to date, a total of only 900 samples have been done on island.
 - Testing at the airport is expected to be operational from 1 August. 2020.



GUYANA – Civil Defence Commission (CDC)

Cases

- As at 16 July,
 - The Ministry of Public Health has confirmed Guyana's 19th COVID-19 related death- a 36-year-old man.
 - There are 315 COVID- 19 confirmed cases in Guyana and 3483 persons have been tested to date for COVID-19.
 - There are 140 persons in institutional isolation and 8 persons in institutional quarantine.
 - Five (5) persons are in COVID-19 ICU and there are 156 recovered cases.
- On 15 July 2020 The Ministry of Public Health disclosed that the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases being reported are emanating mainly from Regions One, Four and Seven.

Borders

- The Guyana Police Force is currently looking into the matter of persons aiding in the illegal crossing of migrants and contraband into the country.
- As at 16 July, The Ministry of Public Health has advised the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) that
 the reopening of the country's airports to international travel should be shifted to August 28, from August 1,
 2020.

Repatriation

- The Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA) and the Eugene F. Correia International Airport (ECIA) will
 continue to facilitate limited repatriation flights provided the National COVID-19 Task Force (NCTF)
 indicates its approval.
- To date, the NCTF has approved the repatriation of approximately 1800 Guyanese since the halt on international travel through CJIA and ECIA. Thus far, citizens have returned from the USA, parts of the Caribbean and Canada.

Emergency Orders

- The National COVID-19 Task Force has announced that Phase 3 of Guyana's re-opening process will commence as scheduled, Saturday, July 18th and shall continue until July 31st, 2020.
- In Phase 3, the following measures will apply (the full measures are outlined in the attached Order No. 6 COVID-19 Emergency Measures):
 - o curfew now from 8pm to 6am (except in specifically excluded areas)
 - o public sector to resume work on rotation
 - outdoor dining permitted (6am to 6pm)



HAITI – The Civil Protection Directorate

Cases

As at 14th July 2020, Haiti had a total of 6,902 confirmed cases, of which 3,273 were active cases, 3,484 recovered cases, and 145 deaths. There are 4,938 persons in quarantine.

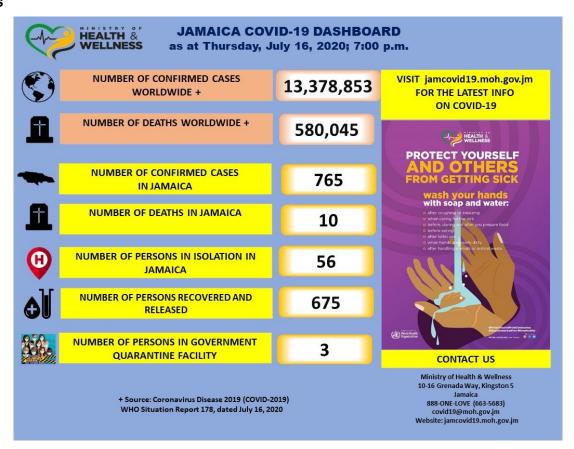
Borders

- On 8th July 2020, the Ministry of Public Health and Population have considered implementing the following measures to be respected with the resumption of international flights:
 - Responsibilities of the National Airport Authority
 - Ensure that all employees adopt individual and collective protection measures to avoid being contaminated or contaminating other users of the premises;
 - Ensure the strict application of the hygiene measures recommended by the MSPP inside the buildings and in the immediate perimeter.
 - Responsibilities of the Passengers Before Travel
 - Complete the COVID-19 risk assessment form prepared by the Directorate of Epidemiology, Laboratories and Research, which will be given to them by the airlines when they register;
 - Provide true information:
 - Undertake to respect the instructions of the MSPP during the trip and for the entire duration of the stay on Haitian soil;
 - Have an axillary thermometer for daily temperature measurement (under the armpit) during the compulsory home quarantine for all passengers or present the results of a negative PCR test carried out 72 hours before departure;
 - Be accessible and agree to provide information on his state of health during the 14 days of home quarantine.
 - Responsibilities of the Airlines
 - Inform passengers about the measures before take-off and landing;
 - Hand over the COVID-19 risk assessment form to each passenger and ask them to complete it;
 - Guarantee protective measures for their employees and passengers;
 - Ensure that all passengers wear a mask for the duration of the flight;
 - Ensure the availability of hydro-alcoholic gel on the plane;
 - Respect the physical distance of at least 1m on the plane;
 - Systematically use the hydro-alcoholic gel solution for hand disinfection.



JAMAICA – Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

Cases



As at Thursday, July 16, 2020:

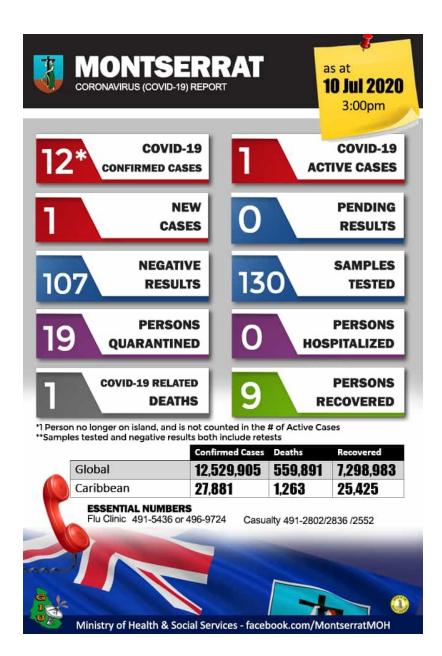
- Jamaica recorded two new confirmed COVID-19 cases. Two males aged 24 and 40 years. Both cases were imported. One was a tourist, who has since repatriated and the other a Jamaican resident.
- The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Jamaica is 765 persons. Of these, 247 are imported cases; 238 cases are contacts of confirmed cases; 44 are local transmission cases not epidemiologically-linked and 236 are related to the workplace cluster in St. Catherine.
- Twenty-eight (28) more patients have recovered and have been released from care. This brings the total recoveries to 675. (88.2% Recovery rate).
- There are now 56 (7.3%) active cases under observation in Jamaica, while 23 cases have been repatriated to their countries of origin.
- o 17,776 persons are quarantined at home.



MONTSERRAT – Disaster Management Coordination Agency (DMCA)

Cases

- There are 12 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in Montserrat.
- There is one active case of COVID-19 in Montserrat which was confirmed on Friday 10 July. The individual remains in isolation and is being closely monitored. This person has been on island since March and the contact tracing process is underway.

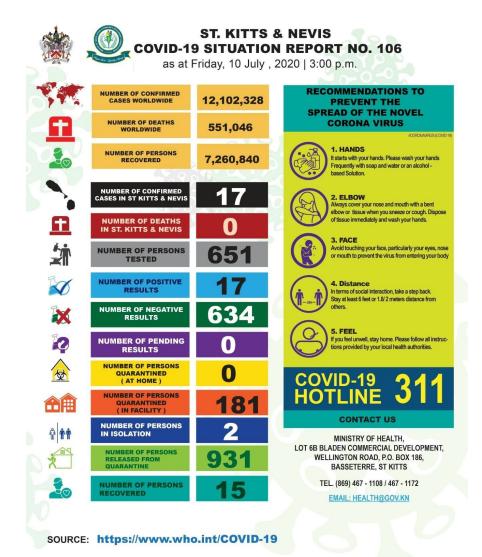




ST. KITTS & NEVIS – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

Cases

• As at 16 July 2020, the total number of COVID-19 cases reported for St. Kitts and Nevis is 17- two of which are active. Since 10 July there are no new reported cases of COVID-19.



Emergency Powers

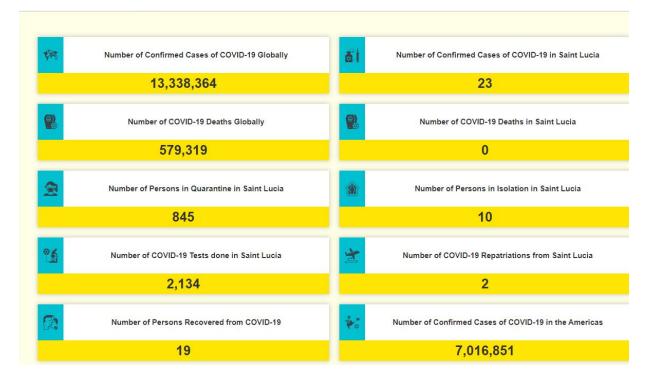
Saint Christopher and Nevis Statutory Rules and Orders No. 27 of 2020 Emergency Powers (COVID-19)
 (No. 10) Regulations remain in effect until 4:59 a.m. 25 July, 2020.



SAINT LUCIA – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

Cases

- The total number of confirmed cases in Saint Lucia is 23 and there are now four active cases.
- On Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Saint Lucia recorded a positive case of COVID-19. The individual is a 27 year old male, a returning national who arrived in Saint Lucia on Friday, 10 July 2020.



Other

- On Friday, July 10, 2020 a total of thirty (30) Cuban healthcare workers departed Saint Lucia for Cuba after completing their medical mission. The team was part of the hundred and thirteen (113) Cubans medical professionals that arrived in Saint Lucia on 27 March 2020. To date, there are 83 Cuban healthcare workers remaining on island to continue assisting in the fight against COVID-19.
- Saint Lucia has adopted an Economic Recovery Plan budgeted at \$579.33 million. The Recovery and Resilience Plan, aims to generate employment and provide income to affected households through an ambitious portfolio of 'shovel ready' capital investment projects.



ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES – National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO)





ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) REPORT



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	❖ NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES	35
	❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS RECOVERED	29
(C)	❖ NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES	6
	❖ NUMBER OF COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS	0
	❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS TESTED	1268
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	❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS IN QUARANTINE	166

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Cases

As at July 16, 2020, there are six (6) active cases of COVID-19 in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. These new cases are returning residents who arrived from the United States on Saturday 11 July, 2020.

Other

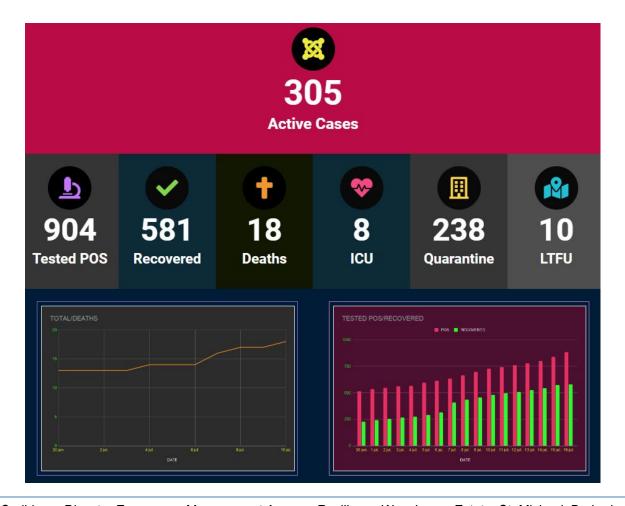
- COVID-19 Protocols are available here.
- COVID-19 Guidance Documents for education, airports, accommodation, among others may be accessed here



SURINAME - National Coordination Center For Disaster Relief (NCCR)

Cases

• As at 16th July 2020, Suriname has a total of 904 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, of which there are 305 active cases. The recoveries are at 581 and there have been 18 COVID-19 related deaths.





TRINIDAD & TOBAGO – Office of Disaster Preparedness & Management (ODPM)

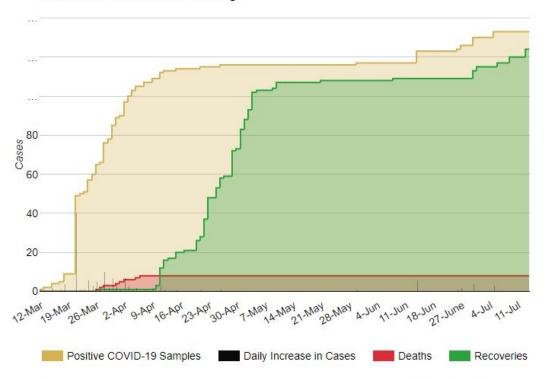
Cases

- As at 16th July 2020, Trinidad and Tobago had a total of 133 confirmed cases, of which there is 1 active case. There have been 124 discharges from quarantine / isolation and 8 deaths.
- There were 5901 samples submitted for testing.

Other

 As of 1st July 2020, the Ministry of Health has designated specific health facilities as COVID-19 Community Testing sites, with testing taking place between 8:00am - 4:00pm. These Designated Facilities for COVID-19 Community Testing can be found here.

COVID-19 Cases in Trinidad and Tobago



Confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, deaths and recoveries in Trinidad and Tobago. Data: Ministry of Health, Trinidad and Tobago. This chart will be updated daily.



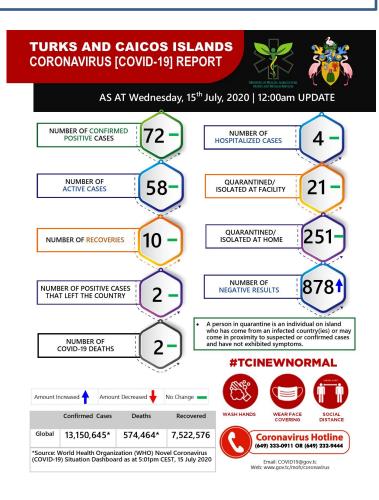
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS – Department of Disaster Management & Emergencies (DDME)

Cases

- The number of active confirmed cases have increased to fifty-eight (58), with four (4) of the cases currently under hospital care. The Public Health Team is continuing its implementation of aggressive contact tracing and control measures.
- No new COVID-19 related deaths have been recorded since the previous update and total COVID-19 related deaths remain at two (2).
- The total number of confirmed positive cases identified in the TCI currently stands at seventy-two (72) and no new suspected cases have been recorded. The total number of recoveries from COVID-19 remains at ten (10).

Other

- To date, there have been a total of 948 test results, with 878 negative results and 72 positive results.
- Local testing is now being conducted for persons in a range of categories, including frontline workers, those that may need to travel locally to other islands, travel for treatment abroad and other reasons. These persons would not have been reflected in quarantine numbers.



Regulations and Notices

• The Turks and Caicos Islands Public and Environmental Health (Control Measures) (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Regulations 2020 - Legal Notice 75 of 2020 can be viewed <a href="https://example.com/health-legal-notice-no



VIRGIN ISLANDS (UK) – Department of Disaster Management (DDM)

Cases

There are no reported active cases of COVID-19. No pending tests.

Emergency Powers

- The Curfew Order No 23 of 2020 is in place
- Curfew hours from midnight to 5:00 am remains for a period of fourteen (14) days
- Hours of access to the Territory's beaches have been increased from 5:01 am to 11:59 pm
- Private vessels are allowed to continue using Territorial waters during full daylight hours from 5:01 m to 7:00pm; and
- Ferries are allowed to operate in Territorial waters between 5:00 am and midnight

Repatriation

- Restricted reentry of nationals and permanent residents continues.
- BVI nationals and residents are registering to return to the Territory through the Controlled Re-Entry of Nationals and Permanent Residents to the Virgin Islands process through the online portal www.bvitravel.vg

Other

- The number of shelters has been increased for this year. New shelters have been identified and inspected by health officials and will be retrofitted to include hygiene and sanitizing areas.
- PPE has been purchased for shelterees and shelter managers
- Additional guidelines for shelter management have been developed,
- Training has been conducted for the 25 shelter managers, facilitated by local epidemiologists
- All quarantine facilities have been assessed to ensure they are fit to withstand up to a Category 4 hurricane, using Hurricane Irma as a proxy.

Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Actions

REGIONAL LEVEL ENGAGEMENTS & COORDINATION

- CDEMA continues to lead the multi sectoral coordination in support of the CARICOM technical lead for health, CARPHA.
- The Regional Coordination Centre remains activated.
- The CDEMA CU continues to liaise with the CARICOM regional institutions towards supporting the strengthening and continuity planning as well as regional level coordination.
- The CDEMA CU also continues to work closely with the CARICOM Secretariat, CARPHA and PAHO towards strengthening of the Health sector level coordination and readiness
- The Regional Protocol designed to support CARICOM States in their response to COVID-19 has been finalized with the support of Regional Institutions of CARICOM and submitted to the CARICOM Secretariat.
- To support country response, COVID-19 Assessment and Analysis, modeling and surveillance products developed by University of the West Indies, through the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre are available via the CDEMA website .
- The Logistics and Procurement Cell is working towards strengthening the regional logistics arrangements and the supply chain in the region. The Integrated Regional Logistics Hub is being established in Barbados to facilitate the reception and onward movement of emergency supplies. This cell includes partners such as the World Food Programme (WFP).
- The National Disaster Offices are either on high alert and have activated their National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOCS) where there are confirmed cases. In this regard, the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) continues to be on alert should the need arise for support from any Participating State.
- The latest updates on the COVID-19 pandemic in the region can be accessed from the CARPHA's website www.carpha.org
- CDEMA and the Regional Response Mechanism partners will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as appropriate.

COVID-19 Regional Institutions Resources



Please visit the CDEMA COVID-19 Webpage for more information from Participating States: https://www.cdema.org/covid19



Please visit the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) website for their latest SITREP: https://carpha.org/Portals/0/Documents/COVID%20Situation%20Reports/Situation%20Report%2053%20-%20 June%2003,%202020.pdf

For updated technical guidelines and laboratory updates visit: https://carpha.org/What-We-Do/Public-Health/Novel-Coronavirus



Please see below links to access data from the UWI George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre - COVID-19 Assessment and Analysis, modeling and surveillance products:

https://ln2.sync.com/dl/6d7e87cd0/7csmvhz3-hp5bxcpn-hjs5th4w-n4eggtd2 https://tinyurl.com/uwi-covid19-surveillance



Please access the CARICOM COVID-19 Dashboard: https://caricom.org/.