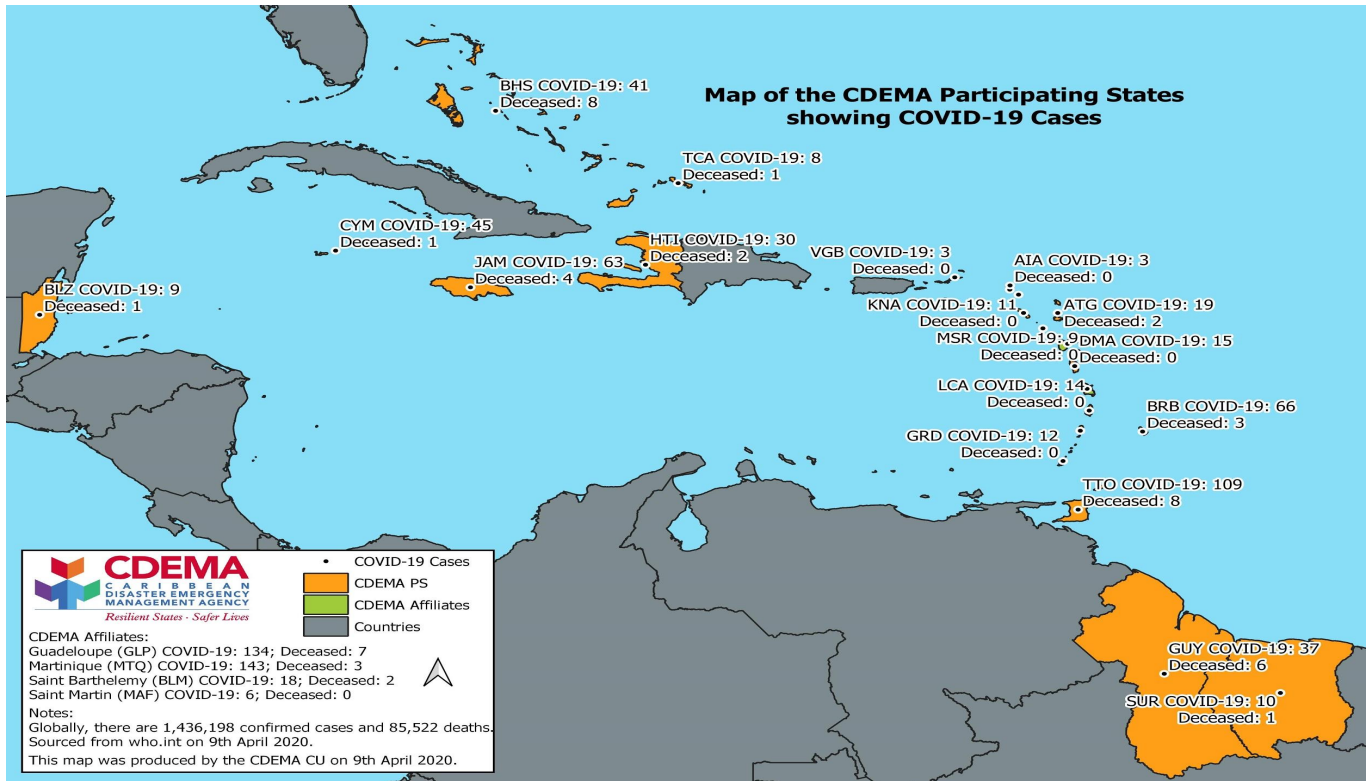


# COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN CDEMA PARTICIPATING STATES

## SITUATION REPORT No. 5

AS OF 8:00PM ON APRIL 9, 2020

### All nineteen (19) CDEMA Participating States record confirmed cases of the COVID-19 Disease



### SITUATION UPDATE

According to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Situation Report No. 32 (issued on April 8, 2020), up to 33 countries in the Caribbean region have reported the importation of at least one confirmed case of COVID-19. The risk of further importation of cases to the Caribbean Region remains **Very High**. The aim for all countries now, is to stop transmission, prevent the spread of the virus and save lives. Based on the Draft CARPHA Health Sector Response Guidelines for COVID-19 circulated to Member States, most countries are encouraged to implement actions in keeping with the Initial or Targeted Action in the Response Phase. In an opinion piece authored by WHO's Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and The International Monetary Fund's Kristalina Georgieva discussed what they called a false dilemma: "the trade-off between saving lives and saving jobs". Their joint appeal especially to policymakers in emerging market and developing economies, is for them to 'recognise that protecting public health and putting people back to work go hand-in-hand'.

Since the previous report on April 6, 2020, no countries reported their first confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Caribbean region. Additional cases, however, were confirmed in 22 countries, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 4,016 in 33 countries/territories; 24 (72%) of these are CARPHA Member States. This new total represents a 23% increase in the numbers of confirmed cases. Fifty-five (55) additional deaths were also recorded, bringing the total numbers of deaths to 185.



# COVID-19

DASHBOARD

**CDEMA PARTICIPATING STATES**

AS OF 8:00 PM (AST) ON APRIL 9, 2020

Nineteen (19) CDEMA Participating States record confirmed cases of the COVID-19 Disease

CONFIRMED CASES

9 514

RECOVERED CASES

48

TOTAL PERSONS IN QUARANTINE\*



2514

DEATHS



37



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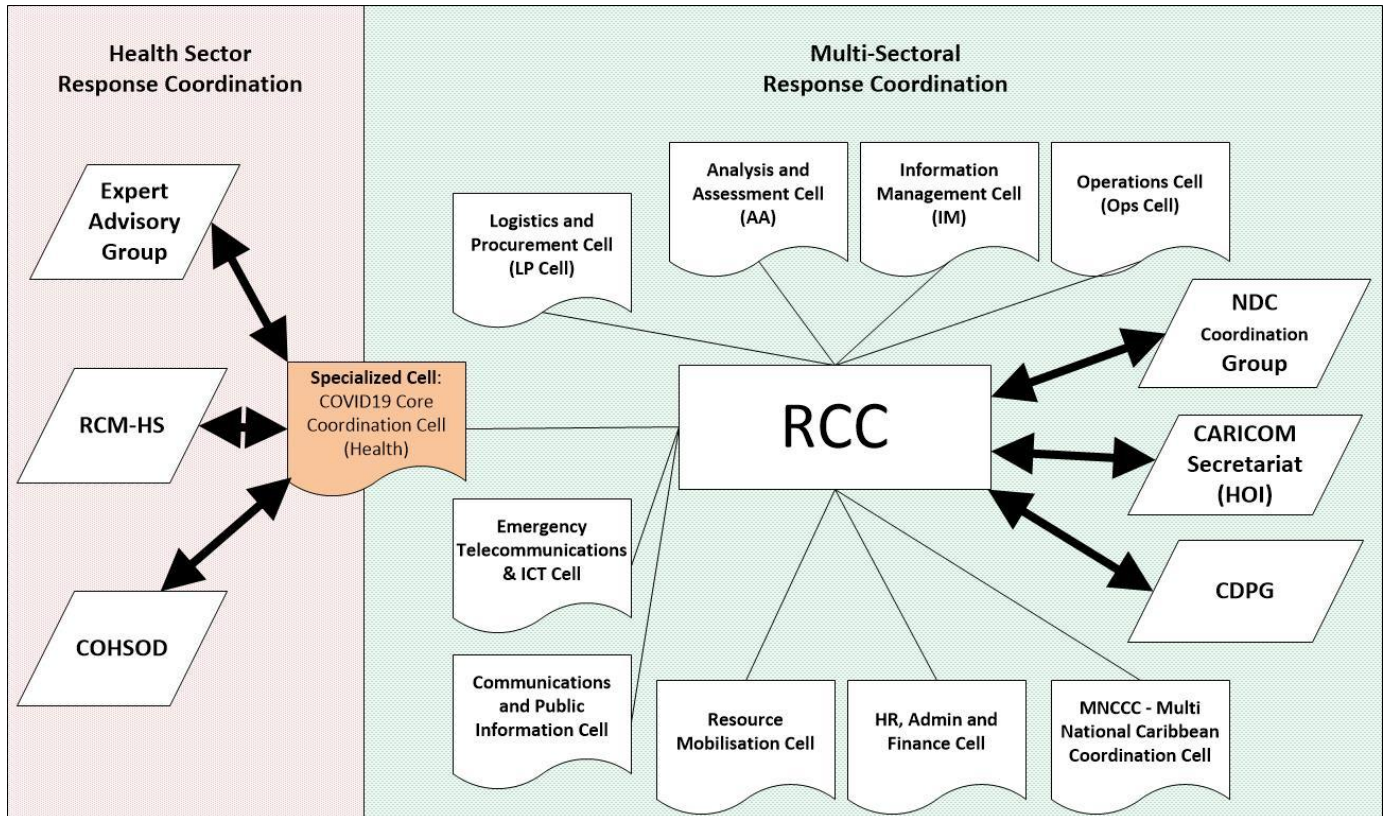
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EMAIL: [RCCUSER@CDEMA.ORG](mailto:RCCUSER@CDEMA.ORG)

CDEMA Participating States are: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Republic of Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands (UK).

\* Number of persons reported by the government to be quarantined/isolated in a government-mandated facility and self-isolated/quarantined at home.

# COVID-19 Multi Stakeholder Coordination Diagram



1. Multi-sectoral coordination for COVID19 within CARICOM is delivered through the established Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) coordinated by the CDEMA Coordinating Unit (Figure 1).
2. A specialized Core Coordination Cell (Health) comprising the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), CDEMA, the CARICOM Secretariat and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has been established for COVID19.
3. This cell generates hazard specific (COVID19) information which (i) drives coordination actions by cells of the Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) and (ii) facilitates the interface between existing Health Sector Response Coordination mechanisms\* and the RCC.
4. Cells within the RCC benefit from the expertise of specialised regional and international organizations in support of CARICOM Member States.
5. Multi-level coordination and information sharing is facilitated through frequent exchanges with the national – National Disaster Coordinators (NDCs), regional – CARICOM Heads of Regional Institutions convened by the CARICOM Secretary General and international partners – Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) actors.

\* COHSOD - CARICOM Council for Human and Social Development; RCM-HS - Regional Coordination Mechanism - Health Security

## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### ANGUILLA – Department of Disaster Management (DDM)

- Ports will remain closed for the movement of all passengers until 00:01 on 21 April
- In efforts to protect Anguilla from illegal immigration, Customs and the RAPF are conducting joint patrols to intercept boats before they arrive in Anguilla
- The Executive Council introduced a Regulation under the Emergency Powers Act prohibiting the use of any boat in Anguilla's waters, other than those specifically exempted. This prohibition will come into force on 00:01 8 April 2020 until 00:01 on 21 April 2020
- Arrangements are being made with the Fisheries Department to afford fishers the opportunity to manage the impact of this decision on their operations
- Food and other supplies – the shops remain open and stocked; ports remain fully open for goods traffic and the supply lines from the US and the region remain uninterrupted
- Regulations on price gouging – Regulations on price gouging are being prepared and a list of items will be put in place by the end of this week
- Economic package – the list of economic support measures presented at the Government press conference on Friday 3 April are being implemented through the course of this week
- For more information contact the Ministry of Health hotline on COVID- 19: 1-264-476-7627 or 476 SOAP or visit <http://www.beatcovid19.ai/>.

#### AXA COVID-19 UPDATE

as at Thursday, 09 April 2020 @ 4pm

##### GLOBAL STATISTICS\*

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| CONFIRMED CASES: | 1,436,198 |
| DEATHS:          | 85,522    |
| RECOVERED:       | 307,880   |

\*Sources: World Health Organization Corona Disease (COVID-19) Situation Report-80, and CARPHA Situation Report-32 (April 08, 2020)

##### NATIONAL (AXA) STATISTICS

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| CONFIRMED CASES:           | 3  |
| NEGATIVE CASES:            | 14 |
| PENDING RESULTS:           | 0  |
| QUARANTINED (AT HOME):     | 3  |
| QUARANTINED (AT FACILITY): | 0  |

A suspected case refers to a person who exhibits symptoms and meets the case definition (clinical and epidemiological criteria) as outlined by WHO and CARPHA.

Quarantine refers to restricting the movement of persons who may have been exposed to the virus due to travel history or contacts, but are not exhibiting symptoms.

#### COVID-19: THE ANGUILLIAN RESPONSE

### COVID-19 HOTLINE

If you have any questions or feel you have been exposed to COVID-19, please call:

**1-264-476-SOAP (7627)**  
OR  
**1-264-584-HAND (4263)**

WhatsApp available

ALSO VISIT:  
[www.beatcovid19.ai](http://www.beatcovid19.ai)  
to stay connected to the latest COVID-19 news and updates from around Anguilla.

#### HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS?

- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- ✓ Cover your nose and mouth with disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- ✓ Avoid close contact with persons who are sick with flu-like symptoms.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

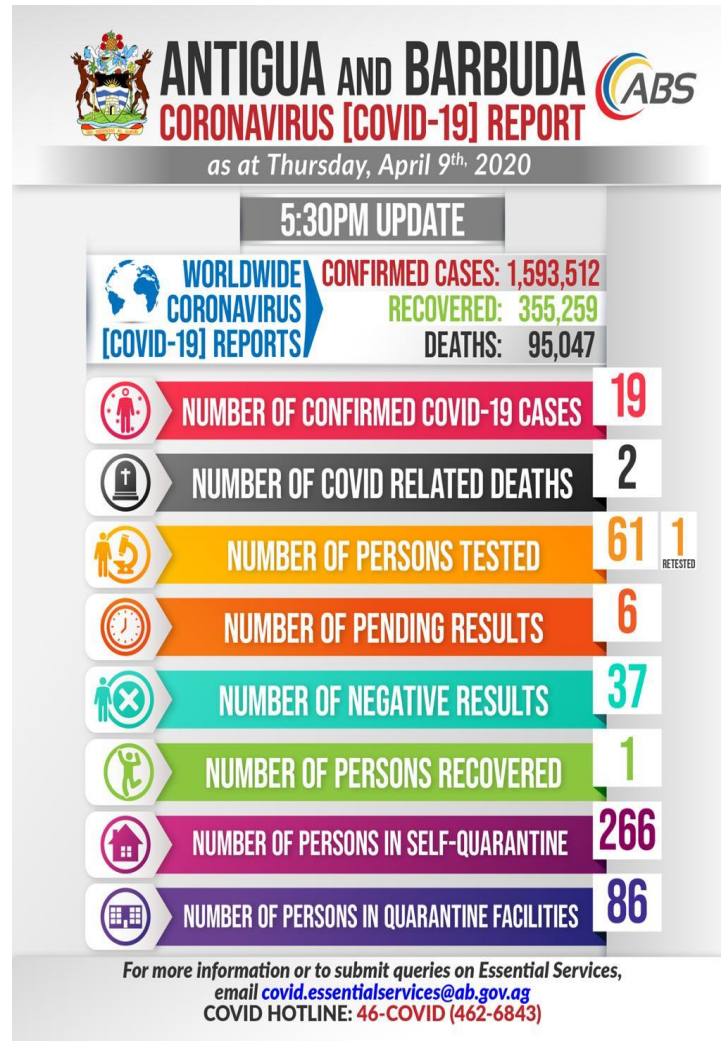
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## Updates from CDEMA Participating States

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

- COVID-19 testing equipment on island. Training of personnel has begun.
- Equipment for Infectious Disease Centre has arrived on island.
- A 24 Hour curfew has been enacted from Thursday 9th April – 6:00 a.m. to 6 a.m. April 16, 2020
- There will be no movement during the day by non-essential workers except for food and emergency supplies. Private vehicles are limited to two occupants
- Arrangements in place for purchasing of food and emergency supplies from 7am to midday and for persons seeking medical attention. Financial institutions can also now operate from 7 a.m. to midday. Only essential workers and other authorized persons are allowed on the streets after midday.
- Now mandatory for residents going outside to wear masks
- Mass production of masks at garment factories, tailors and seamstresses
- Distribution of masks to residents at public markets and supermarkets
- Social distancing policy remains in place. Funerals restricted to the cemetery and only ten mourners are allowed. No weddings, church services and social gatherings.
- National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) remains activated
- Airport remains closed to all incoming international commercial flights emanating from North America and Europe. Sea Port remains open for cargo.
- All schools remain closed until advised by the Ministry of Education
- COVID- Hotline number is 46COVID (462-6849)

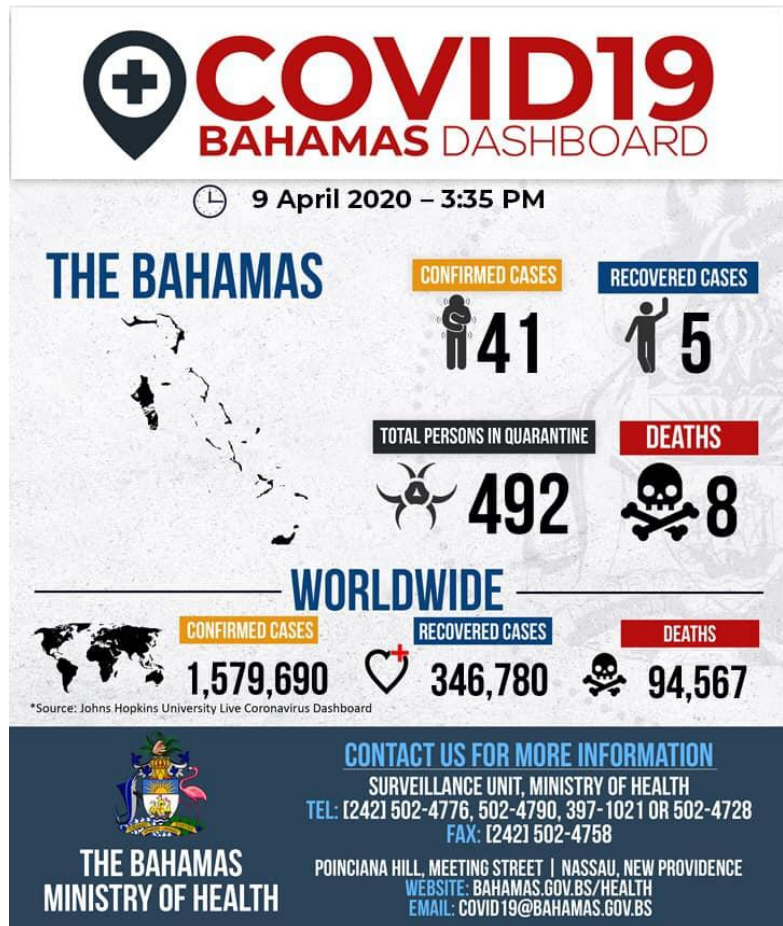


## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### THE BAHAMAS – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

- Six (6) of the 41 positive cases are healthcare workers. More than 50 healthcare workers are either in quarantine or isolation
- The majority of COVID-19 cases are from New Providence. A few cases in Grand Bahama and one in Bimini
- 24 Hour Curfew imposed by the COVID-19 Order (No. 2) of 2020 extended for another 5 days and is in effect from 9:00 p.m. 8th April, 2020 until 14 April, 2020, 5:00 a.m.
- An alphabetical shopping programme is in effect.
- Unemployment continues to rise. In the coming months, approximately 40% of persons could potentially become unemployed.
- The National Insurance Board is providing unemployment benefits to cushion the impact of closures in the tourism sector.
- NEMA is working with Social Services, Hands For Hunger, Red Cross and other NGOs to organise a drive-through feeding programme.
- Senior citizens homes have been closed to outside persons.
- Hotel accommodation has been provided for healthcare workers to prevent the need to go home after working hours



**HOTLINE**

**511**  
PLEASE HAVE NIB NUMBERS AVAILABLE.

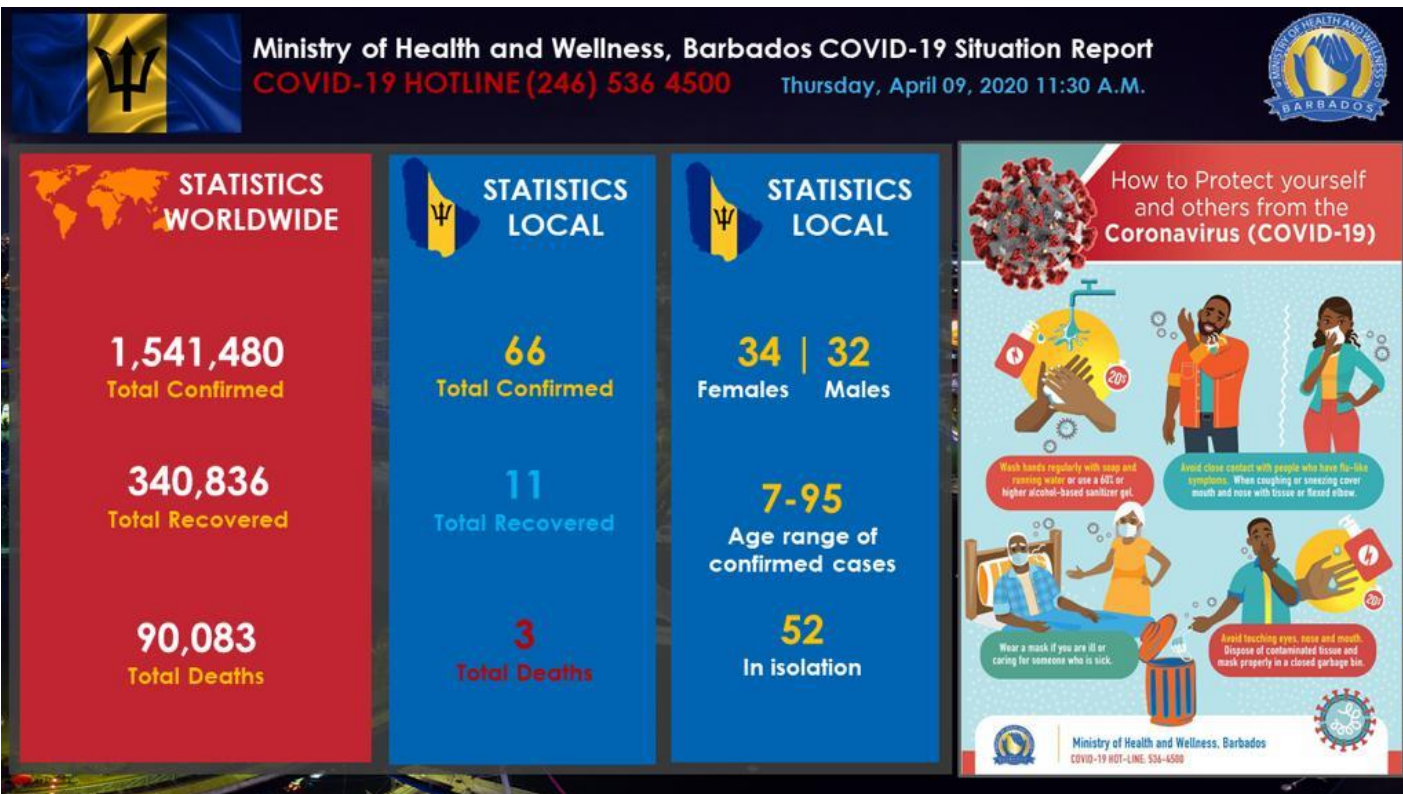
**[242] 502-7382**  
24 HRS

## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### BARBADOS – Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

- No one tested positive for COVID-19 as of April 8th from the 53 tests carried out by the Best-dos Santos Public Health Laboratory
- Two more persons have recovered and have been released from isolation bringing total recovered to 11
- Since February 11, Barbados has conducted 655 laboratory tests for COVID-19. The first two cases of the disease were recorded on March 16
- Three patients are in critical condition at the Enmore isolation facility, while the majority of cases remain in mild or stable condition
- During the 24 hour curfew, persons are allowed to access selected supermarkets on April 8, 9 and 11 between 9am - 4pm; there will be no in-supermarket shopping; all shoppers will be required to observe physical distancing rules; specific collection times are given to eliminate the possibility of gatherings; online and telephone ordering of food supplies is facilitated with curbside pick-up



## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### Belize– National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

#### Quick Stats

**9**

Total Cases

**1**

Total Deaths

**0**

Total Recovered

**3**

Imported Cases

**5**

Close Contact

Source: <https://covid19.bz/>

- As at 9 April there are nine COVID-19 cases confirmed in Belize.
- Nationwide state of emergency in effect for 30 days from midnight Wednesday, 1st April, 2020 as enacted by the Belize Constitution (Emergency Powers) Regulations 2020.
- Curfew in effect between 8:00 p.m. and 4:49 a.m. of the following morning for the entire country during the state of emergency.
- On Friday, 3 April, 2020, the Government of Belize launched the COVID-19 e-Services Portal through which persons may apply to receive benefits from the COVID-19 Unemployment Relief Program.
- As of 9 April, over 59,000 Belizeans have applied for COVID-19 relief assistance.
- The Ministry of Health's surveillance efforts are ongoing and remain in a heightened mode.
- Belize's borders remain closed for entry with the exemption of incoming or outgoing freight and cargo.



Hotline & Focal Point For COVID-19 (Ministry Of Health)



## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### CAYMAN ISLANDS – Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI)

- The first shipment of 165,000 test kits arrived at Owen Roberts airport on April 8 with the remaining 35,000 to arrive via London with a total cost of US\$4.4 million.
- The Government aims to carryout 500 tests each day.
- The Health Services Laboratory is currently going through validation testing for the new testing reagents that have arrived.
- One COVID-19 inpatient at the Health Services Authority has now been discharged from the respiratory unit bringing the hospitalised COVID-19 patients down to one.
- Collaboration is underway with Health City, Doctors Hospital and the HAS to facilitate a national approach to testing.
- Both hard and soft curfews are in effect and are being followed generally well by the community.



## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### DOMINICA– Office of Disaster Management (ODM)

- Emergency Powers Amendment Act 2020 of 6 April has extended the country's curfew for another 21 days after 20 April, 2020.
- Persons are not allowed in public places between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Monday to Friday weekly.
- Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday to Friday a person must not be out in a public place except to provide or access essential services;
- All banks, credit unions, money services, supermarkets and petrol stations must be closed at 2 p.m. and all pharmacies must be closed at 4:00 p.m
- All airports remain closed to incoming flights carrying any visitor.
- All seaports remain closed to seafaring and private boating.
- Outgoing flights or outgoing ships, as the case may be; cargo flights or cargo ships, as the case may be; commercial courier flights; emergency flights; flights carrying any diplomat are exempted.



## COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19] REPORT

as at Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020



WORLDWIDE  
CORONAVIRUS  
[COVID-19] REPORTS

CONFIRMED CASES: 1,501,0947  
RECOVERED: 319,214  
DEATHS: 87,830



NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES

15



NUMBER OF COVID RELATED DEATHS

0



NUMBER OF PERSONS TESTED

306



NUMBER OF PENDING RESULTS

0



NUMBER OF NEGATIVE RESULTS

291



NUMBER OF PERSONS IN SELF-QUARANTINE

315



NUMBER OF PERSONS IN GOOD QUARANTINE

16



NUMBER OF PERSONS RECOVERED

1

Ministry of Health, Wellness and  
New Health Investment, Dominica

COVID-19 HOTLINE:

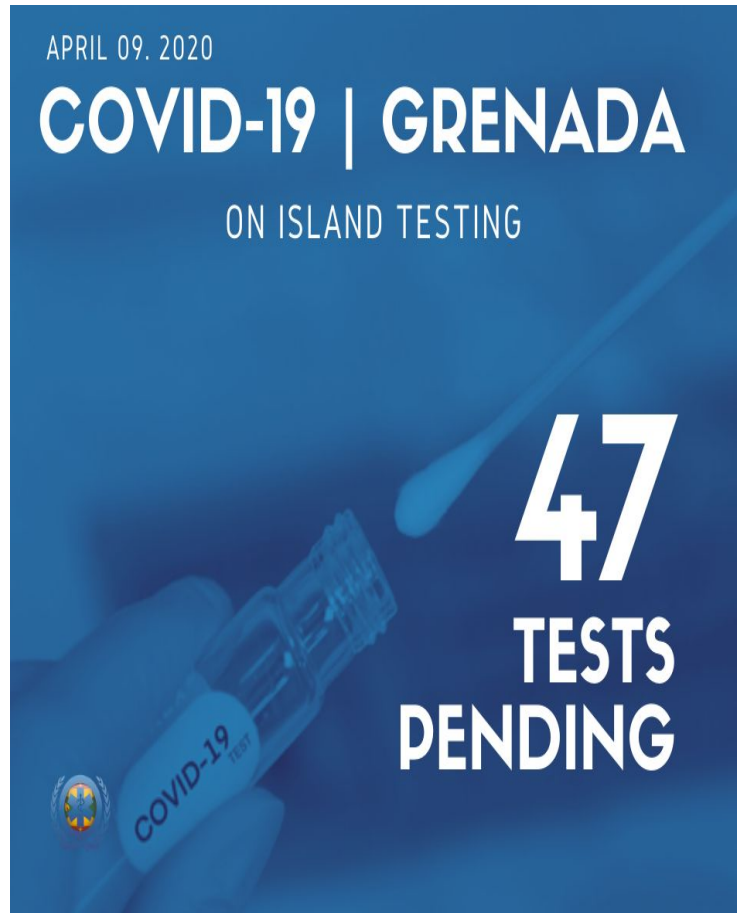
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## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### GRENADA – National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA)

- Twelve (12) cases of COVID-19 confirmed as at 3rd April, 2020. Three (3) of these cases located at the COVID-19 ICU Unit.
- 24 hr curfew extended- effective 12 noon on the 6th day of April, 2020 and ending at 7:00 a.m. on the 20th day of April, 2020.
- On-island testing available as of 8th April.
- Central coordinating mechanism approved by the Cabinet based at NaDMA- for which all activities related to COVID-19 will be coordinated.
- EOC within the central coordinating mechanism has been constituted, updates on implementation will be provided.
- Banks remain closed, but ATMs will be open to the public as at April 6, 2020.



Source: Ministry of Health Grenada

- Grocery shopping will be conducted in alphabetical order of surname on Saturday, April 11, 2020 and Sunday, April 12, 2020. All supermarkets will be open, including the major ones, which were previously closed.
- Wednesday has been designated as a limited shopping day for Carriacou and Petit Martinique.
- Suppliers of cooking gas and other wholesale distributors will be doing deliveries.
- The Social Distancing Protocol is in effect for the management of shops and supermarkets.
- The General Public can report persons in violation of the regulations by calling 440-3999 or 911.

## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### GUYANA – Civil Defense Commission (CDC)

- Thirty seven (37) confirmed cases of COVID-19 as at April 8, 2020
- Six (6) have died; eight (8) persons have recovered; three (3) are in the intensive care unit due to the coronavirus
- One hundred and forty five (145) samples have been tested
- Twenty-seven (27) persons are in institutional quarantine; thirty (30) persons are in institutional isolation
- The emergency order issued by the Minister of Public Health on April 3, 2020, mandates that a curfew from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am daily from April 3 to May 3, 2020, is implemented and observed; Supermarkets, fruits and vegetable stalls remain open from 6am to 5pm
- Relief hampers consisting of food items is being distributed to the most vulnerable persons nationwide by the Civil Defense Commission
- The Mayor and City Council has announced that municipal markets and all street vending in Georgetown will operate between the hours 7 am to 2 pm
- Schools closed until Easter Holiday; examinations are postponed however, online resources being provided for those preparing for exams.
- The Health EOC remains activated
- Cabinet convened and ordered the establishment of the Guyana COVID-19 Task Force. The Task Force would address three issues- 1) Ministerial focus on sectoral issues , 2) State agencies that focus on the EOC that will address key issues such as resource mobilisation, and finance and 3) Health Ministry- to coordinate the COVID-19 response
- The Civil Defence Commission has embedded staff in the Task Force to address key matters on a daily basis
- Three (3) established quarantine facilities in addition to the isolation unit at Georgetown Public Hospital
- The Civil Defence Commission is examining legislative instruments; the draft National Response Plan is being worked on.
- Public education is being addressed with messages being translated into local dialect
- Multi partner coordination is underway including with UNICEF, PAHO, and Rotary
- Childcare matters were being discussed, especially for those persons who work in the essential services

## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### HAITI – The Civil Protection Directorate

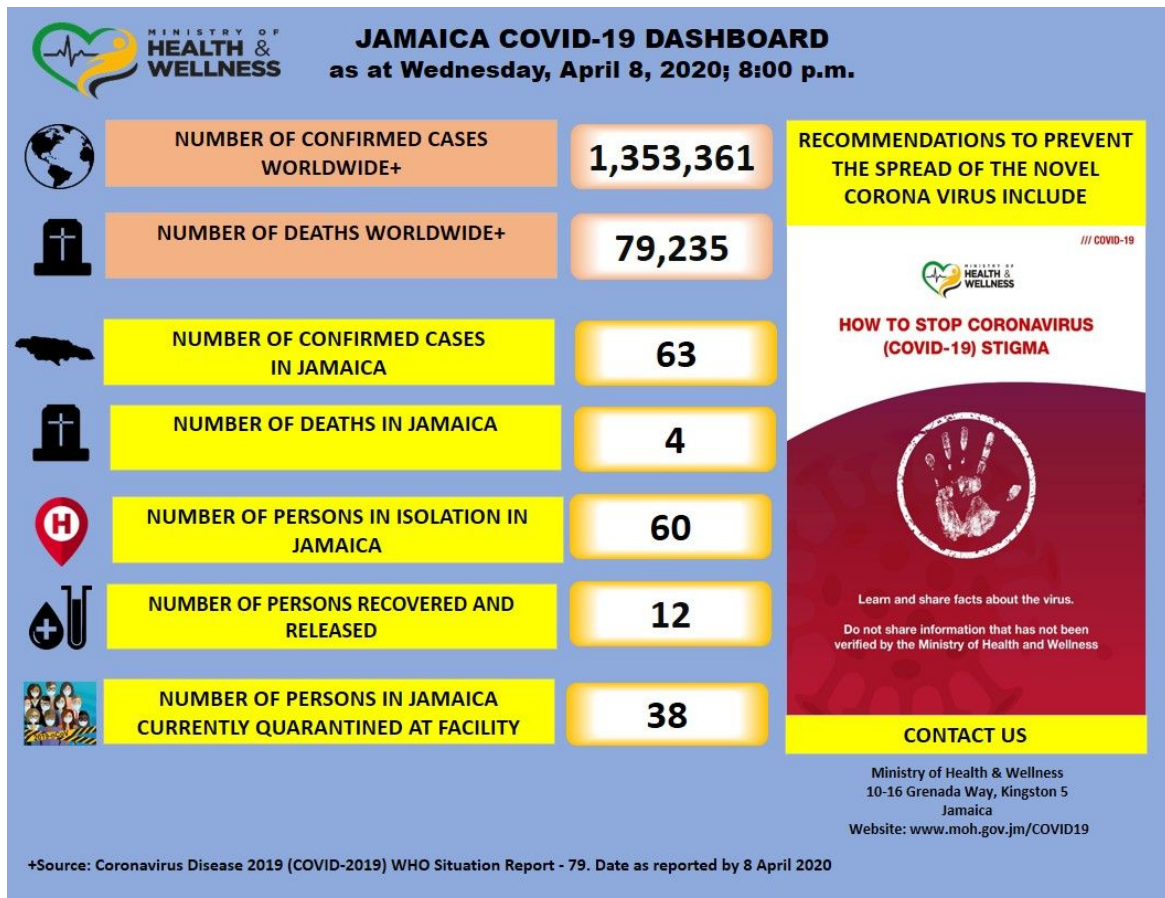
- The Ministry of Public Health confirms there are 30 positive cases of COVID-19 , in country, according to the latest National Laboratory test results as at April 8, 2020
- Two (2) deaths due to COVID-19 as at April 8, 2020
- 68 persons placed in mandatory quarantine
- 698 persons placed in self quarantine
- 26 persons placed in isolation
- 331 suspected COVID-19 cases tested to date

## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



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

- As at April 8, 2020, 63 persons tested positive for Covid19. Of the 63 positive cases, 29 are females and 34 are males
- Jamaica as at April 2, 2020 has tested 476 samples, including those tested for Severe Acute Respiratory Infections.
- The Government has adjusted the curfew Order for Jamaica, in the effort to reduce the transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19)
- The adjusted hours of the curfew are – From 8:00 p.m. tonight (Wednesday, April 8) to 6:00 a.m. tomorrow (Thursday, April 9); from 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 to 7:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10; from Friday, April 10 to Monday, April 13, the curfew will commence at 3:00 p.m. each day and end at 7:00 a.m. the following day; and on Monday, April 13, the curfew will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end on Tuesday, April 14 at 5:00 a.m.
- After Easter, the nightly curfews will be between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. commencing on Tuesday, April 14 and ending on April 21, 2020
- Schools are to remain closed until April 22, 2020
- Government yesterday (April 8) received 29 ventilators valued at approximately €1 million from the European Union (EU)



## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### MONTSERRAT – Disaster Management Coordination Agency (DMCA)

- Nine (9) confirmed cases as at April 8, 2020
- Forty (40) samples were tested; Thirty-three (33) persons were quarantined
- As part of the Government of Montserrat's efforts to stop the spread of new coronavirus cases on Montserrat; a 24-hour curfew was imposed from Saturday, March 28, to Tuesday, April 14, 2020
- The country is expecting a shipment of medical supplies consisting of Personal Protective Equipment and testing kits
- Thirty-two health professionals from Cuba are scheduled to arrive in Montserrat to provide assistance
- Residents experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19 are urged to contact the St. Peter's Clinic on 491-5436 or 496-9724 for medical attention.



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

- Eleven (11) confirmed cases as at April 8, 2020
- One hundred and ninety six (196) samples tested as at April 8, 2020
- Twenty-nine (29) persons in Government quarantine
- Two hundred and eight (208) persons in home quarantine
- Plans are being put in place to fully execute the National Pandemic Virus Plan that has been approved in response of COVID-19
- An extension of the proclamation of the State of Emergency was issued on April 7, 2020 to last until 7 pm on Saturday, 18 April, 2020
- Closure of all non-essential services
- Schools closed as of 26 March 2020
- Airport closed as of 25 March 2020 with access only open to cargo planes and vessels
- All Ports/borders closed as of 11:59 pm 25 March 2020 except for sea ports which remain open to receive cargo

## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



### SAINT LUCIA – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

- As of 9th April 2020, there are fourteen (14) confirmed cases of COVID-19
- 282 persons have been tested
- Over 200 persons have been placed in government-facility quarantine (as at April 4, 2020)
- There have been no reported deaths or recoveries
- The Prime Minister announced the launch of an official site disseminating information on COVID-19: <https://www.covid19response.lc/>



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

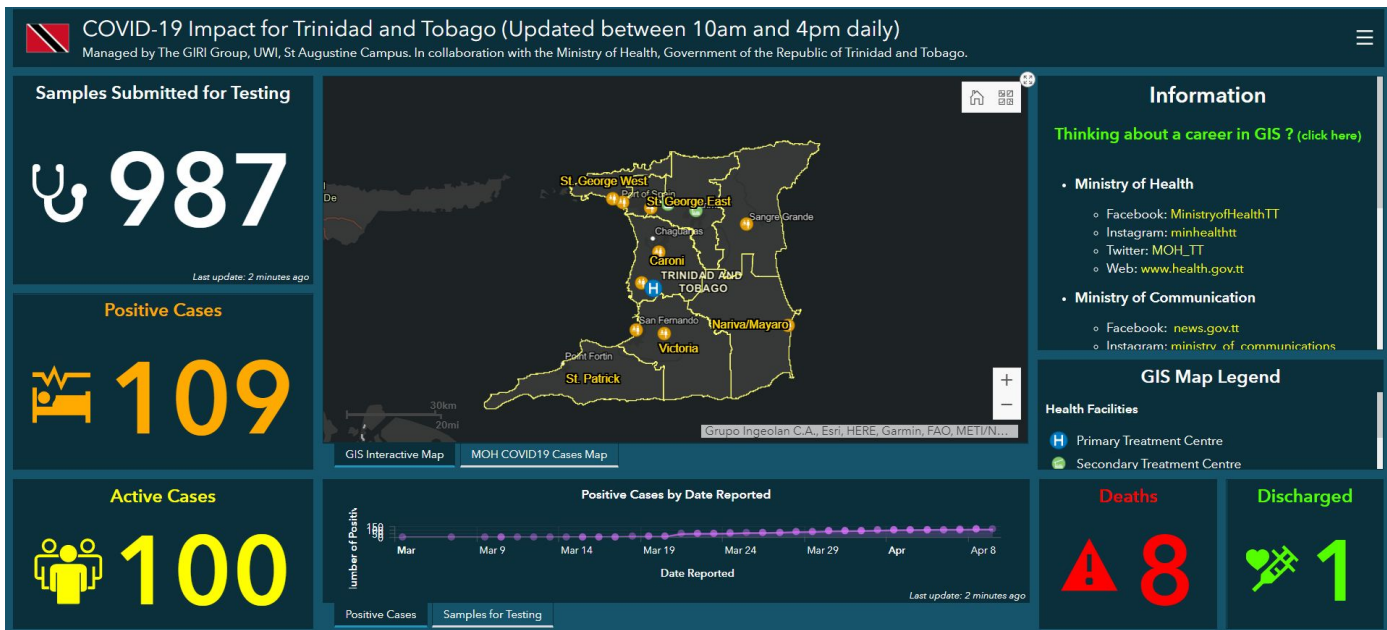
- Twelve (12) confirmed cases of COVID-19 as at April 9, 2020
- To date sixty (60) persons have been tested for COVID-19, with no results pending
- 433 persons have been placed in quarantine inclusive of returning students and their families
- Received shipment of PPE from PAHO on 30 March 2020, which includes gowns, N95 masks, goggles, and others. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> shipment in 2 weeks from PAHO.
- Public education campaigns and public awareness continue on social distancing



## Updates from CDEMA Participating States

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

- The stay at home order has been extended to April 30th
- Hardware stores are open 8am-12 noon and all retail stores to be closed by 6pm
- All fast food restaurants to remain closed until April 30th
- The Ministry of Health is calling on persons to adhere to the call to Stay At Home
- Members of public were asked to wear masks while outside; however, the Ministry of Health reiterated that wearing masks is not a license to go outside for non-essential purposes. It is simply one extra measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Mental Health services are available at the Regional Health Authorities for COVID-19 patients and those in quarantine
- The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services is helping vulnerable individuals during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Ministry's Total Expenditure for COVID-19 Measures is now in excess of \$46 million
- Existing Food Cards have been topped up. Expenditure to date: \$17,144,100.00
- There is an additional payment to persons receiving Food Support for an initial three months. 25,101 persons have benefited so far. The expenditure to date is \$11,198,250.00
- Three month Income Support Top Up for current recipients of Public Assistance: 17,834 people have benefited from this measure. Total expenditure so far: \$11,438,100.00
- The Ministry of Communications will be hosting a virtual meeting on Saturday April 11th, 2020, where the public will have an opportunity to ask questions concerning COVID-19. Details will be provided when it's finalized.



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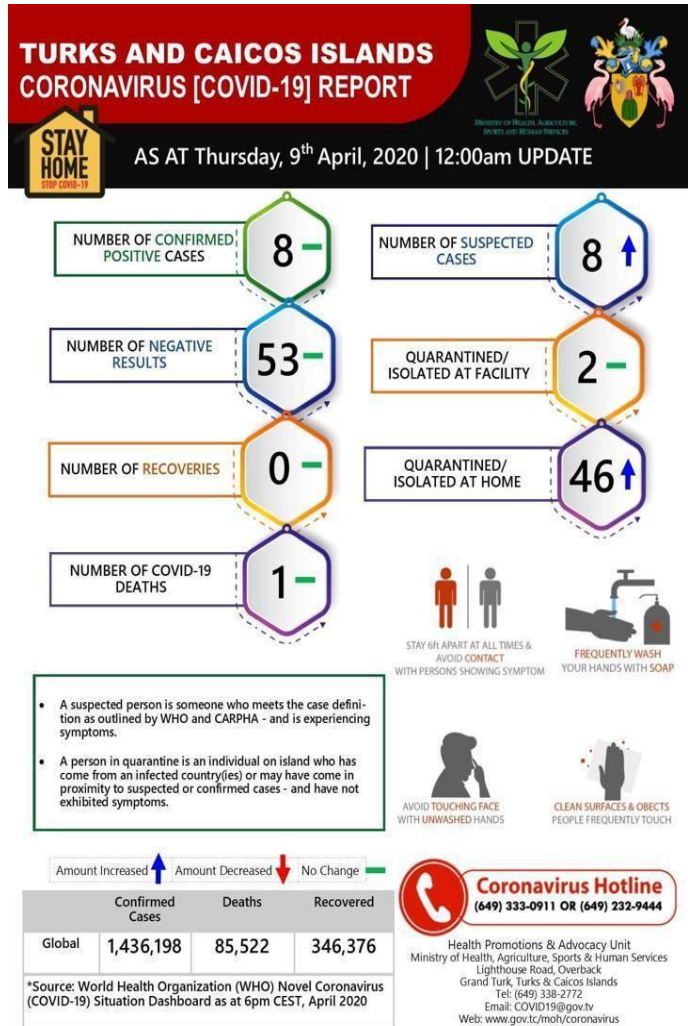
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# Updates from CDEMA Participating States



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


- NEOC is partially activated with the Ministry of Health leading operations
- Persons under observation/quarantine are either not displaying symptoms or have not met the case definition for COVID-19
- On 1st April, 2020 the case definition for COVID-19 was amended for TCI; a travel history is no longer needed to fit the criteria. Given the closure of the TCI borders it is likely that new case would be as a result of local transmission
- To date, a total of sixty-one (61) test results have been received, with fifty-three (53) confirmed negative and eight (8) positive confirmations. Persons confirmed not to have COVID-19, and their contacts, were moved from quarantined status and asked to continue following proper guidelines from the Ministry of Health. Those cases confirmed positive are in isolation with contact tracing aggressively continuing
- The Ministry of Health takes this opportunity to remind the public of offenses committed under Section 18 of The Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations 2020 in regard to false statements/information
- A 24-hr curfew is now in place, which is from 5 AM Saturday 28 March 2020 until midnight on Tuesday 14 April 2020
- All restaurants remain closed
- Supermarkets will be open from 7am – 6pm during the 24-hr curfew




## Updates from CDEMA Participating States



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





**Excerpt from the Statement by  
Premier of the Virgin Islands  
Honourable Andrew A. Fahie**

**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE  
COVID-19  
UPDATE**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

“We are fighting an invisible enemy  
just like the rest of the world.”

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

This is not the time for us to let our guards down. This additional curfew is important.

The Minister for Health has announced that we have had 17 samples collected by teams from the Regional Security System and tested by CARPHA over the past two days and the good news is that; all results came back negative for COVID-19.

1. We now have **64 samples** tested to date
2. **61 of those persons tested negative**
3. **3 persons tested positive**
4. All positive cases have exhibited **only mild symptoms** and did not require hospitalisation.
5. All 3 cases are being or **will be re-tested** in accordance with CARPHA's protocol for determining full recovery from COVID-19.

The number of confirmed cases is low, and we have no new confirmed cases.

Once we are allowed to be quarantined for 14 days up until April 19, the scientific data and analysis show that we will be able to identify any person who may be infected—that we did not catch and we will be able to deal with those pockets much better.

### KEY MEASURES:

We did this together as a people of the Virgin Islands.

1. As a people, we showed that we are responsible to put our own preventative and proactive measures in place to keep all of us safe.
2. We spent our own \$12M and we protected ourselves.
3. We spent our own money and we constructed an area in the Dr. D Orlando Smith Hospital to quarantine persons, if needed.
4. We used our Virgin Islands people to spearhead our Health Emergency response.

5. We made contact with the Cuban medical personnel through the OECS.
6. As a people we reached out to the UK Government by writing to the Governor.
7. We thank the UK Government for providing 480 test kits that came through the Public Health of England.
8. Our preventative efforts have allowed us to avert what science predicted where it was projected that more than 3,700 people living in the British Virgin Islands could become infected with COVID-19.

### ACTION POINTS:

We are in this together

1. Work is being done on the Economic Stimulus Package.
2. The Economic Stimulus Package includes the assistance that will be needed to help the people and businesses of the BVI.
3. The first phase of the Economic Stimulus will be submitted to Cabinet this week.
4. As Minister of Finance, I will make an address of the Preliminary Economic Stimulus Plan for the people and businesses of the BVI in short order.

- We want when COVID-19 is finished that the BVI would have conquered the virus and all the negativity will be gone from our islands.
- We will have better relationships, stronger bonds, a stronger relationship with GOD and a stronger economy.
- I want to encourage us to take care of each other so that we all cross the finish line together.
- Together we are fighting an enemy we cannot see, while trusting in God who holds our destiny.
- If it is one time that we can help to stop the spread of the virus, it is to do something that is so simple and that is to stay at home.

## **Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Actions**

### **REGIONAL LEVEL ENGAGEMENTS & COORDINATION**

1. CDEMA continues to lead the multi sectoral coordination in support of the technical lead for health.
2. The Regional Coordination Centre is activated.
3. The CDEMA CU continues to liaise with the CARICOM regional institutions towards supporting the strengthening and continuity planning as well as regional level coordination.
4. 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
5. The Regional Protocol designed to support CARICOM States in their response to COVID-19 is being finalized with the support of Regional Institutions of CARICOM.
6. To support country response, COVID19 Assessment and Analysis, modeling and surveillance products developed by University of the West Indies, through the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre are being packaged for distribution to 14 CDEMA Participating States.
7. The Logistics and Procurement Cell is working towards strengthening the regional logistics arrangements and the supply chain in the region. This includes establishing a logistics Hub in Barbados to facilitate the reception and onward movement of emergency supplies. This cell includes partners such as the World Food Programme (WFP).
8. The CARICOM Secretariat continues to leverage the Organs of the Community in support of the COVID19 response. Meetings were convened as follows:
  - April 6, 2020: Fourth Special Emergency Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development - Supported by CDEMA and CARPHA
  - April 8, 2020: First Special Emergency Meeting of the Council for National Security and Law Enforcement (CONSLE) - Supported by CDEMA, CARPHA, CARICOM IMPAC and RSS
9. 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.
10. The latest updates on the COVID-19 pandemic in the region can be accessed from the CARPHA's website [www.carpha.org](http://www.carpha.org)
11. CDEMA and the Regional Response Mechanism partners will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as appropriate.