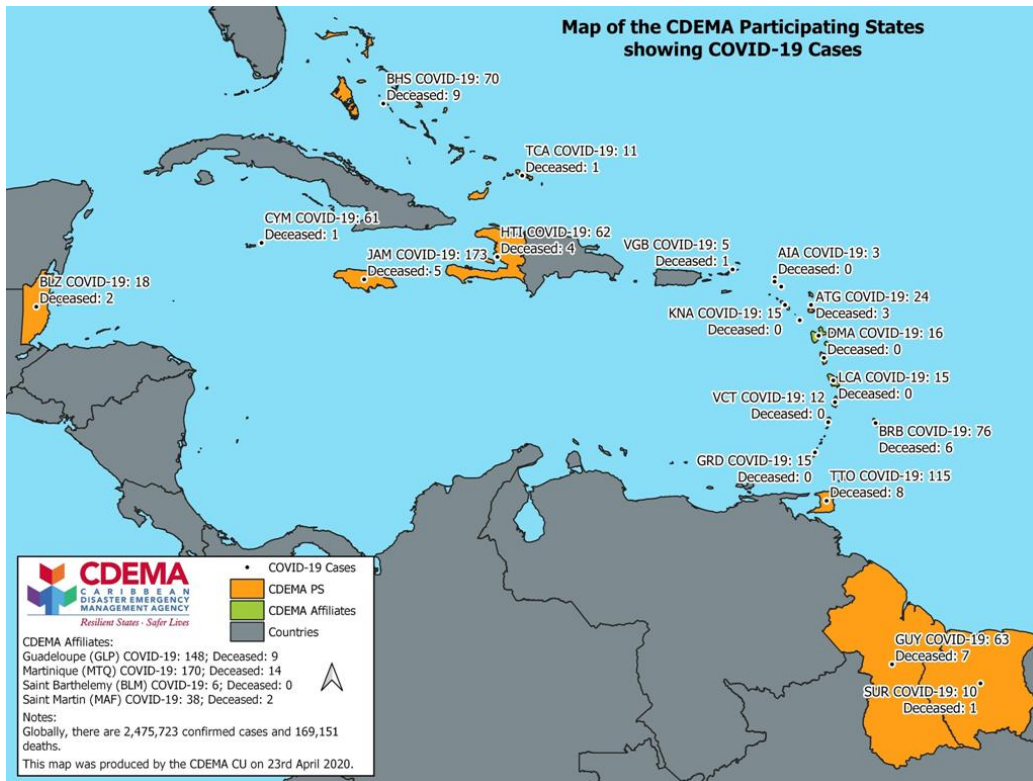


COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN CDEMA PARTICIPATING STATES

SITUATION REPORT No. 7

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 23 APRIL, 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. 36 (dated 22 April, 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.

Since the previous report on April 20, 2020, no new countries reported their first confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Caribbean region. Additional cases, however, were confirmed in 14 countries, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 8,471 in 33 countries/territories; 24 (72%) of these are CARPHA Member States. This new total represents a 7% increase in the numbers of confirmed cases. Thirty-one (31) additional deaths were also recorded, bringing the total numbers of deaths to 444.

COVID-19 Multi Sectoral Coordination Diagram

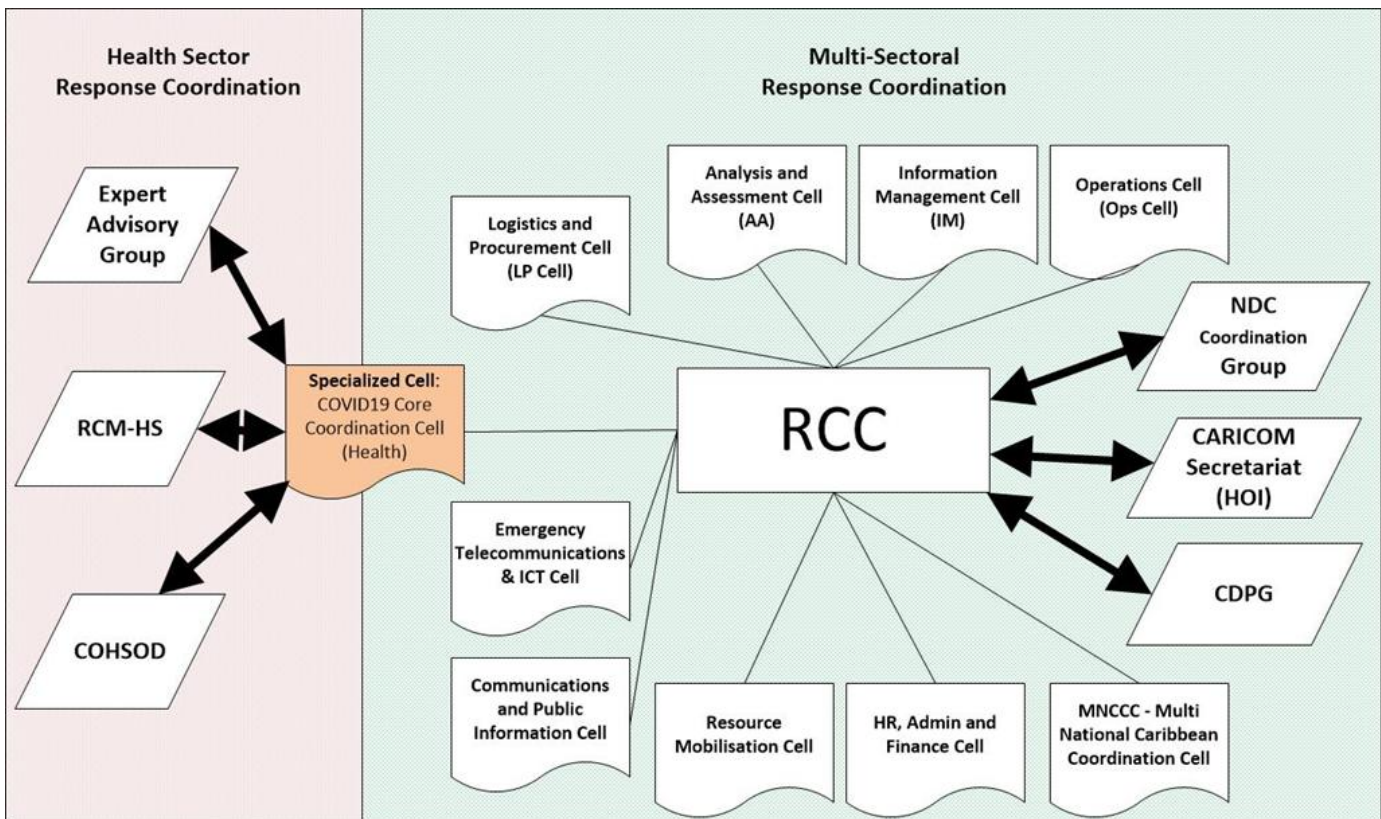


Figure 1: Multi-sectoral Coordination and the RCC

- Multi-sectoral coordination for COVID19 within CARICOM is delivered through the established Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) coordinated by the CDEMA Coordinating Unit (Figure 1).
- 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.
- 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.
- Cells within the RCC benefit from the expertise of specialised regional and international organizations in support of CARICOM Member States.
- 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

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ANGUILLA – Department of Disaster Management (DDM)

- The Ministry of Health advised that as of Thursday April 23rd at 4pm, there is 1 recovered case in accordance with the CARPHA protocol for recovery. Therefore, there are currently two (2) confirmed active cases on Anguilla who will subsequently be retested per established protocol.
- Recognising the COVID-19 risk posed by illegal boat landings, the UK Government has agreed to provide EC\$2.5 million for border protection.
- The Ministry and Department of Education informed all principals, staff, parents and students that Term Three will begin on Monday 11th May and end on Friday 24th July 2020. As such, the Easter break has been extended until Friday 8th May 2020.
- The Executive Council, in agreement with the Police Commissioner and in compliance with the Emergency Regulations stated that in the week beginning April 20th, all fishers will be able to retrieve catch from fish traps and secure any gear at sea if they so wish, however this must be done between the 21st and 24th April between 5:00 am and 5:00 pm. Fishing will be allowed from April 30th, in adherence with certain criteria (see website).

For more information contact the Ministry of Health hotline on COVID- 19: 476-7627, that is 476 SOAP or 584-4263, that is 584-HAND or visit <http://www.beatcovid19.ai/>.

AXA COVID-19 UPDATE

as at Thursday, 23rd April 2020 @ 4pm

GLOBAL STATISTICS*

CONFIRMED CASES:	2,544,792
DEATHS:	175,694
RECOVERED:	694,023

*Sources: World Health Organization Corona Disease (COVID-19) Situation Report-94 and CARPHA Situation Report-36 (April 22, 2020)

NATIONAL (AXA) STATISTICS

CONFIRMED CASES:	3
ACTIVE CASES:	2
RECOVERED:	1
NEGATIVE CASES:	14
PENDING RESULTS:	1
QUARANTINED (AT HOME):	2
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 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
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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ANTIGUA & BARBUDA – National Office of Disaster Services (NODS)

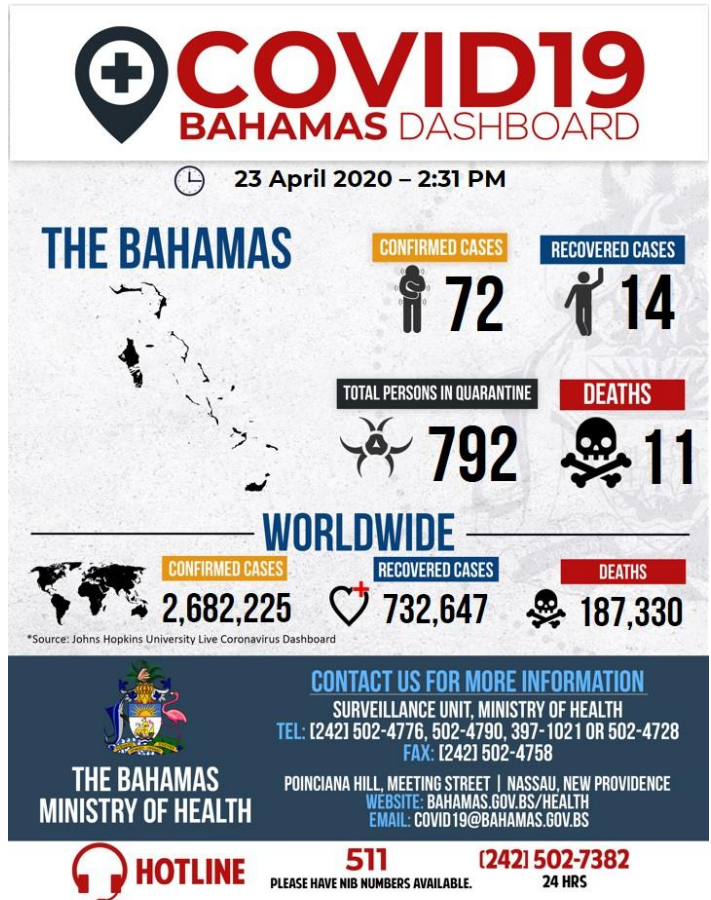


- On April 21st, the Health Ministry announced that one more person has tested positive for COVID-19 in Antigua and Barbuda, bringing the country's total confirmed cases to 24. Two of the cases are healthcare workers.
 - The Ministry also announced on April 21st that the index patient (patient zero) tested negative for COVID-19 for the third time.
 - A 24 Hour curfew which has been enacted from Thursday 16th April – 6:00 a.m. to Wednesday April 22, 2020 – 12 Midnight was extended for another seven days with minimal relaxation of guidelines.
 - Select businesses will be allowed to operate between the recommended hours with strict adherence to the established social distancing regime. These businesses shall operate between the hours of 7 a.m. to 12 noon.
 - A donation of PPE was made to the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda by the Calvin Ayre Foundation. This donation, valued at approximately EC\$4million, includes gloves masks and, full length shields, surgical gowns and forehead thermometers.
 - Public transportation services are permitted to operate during the curfew period from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The Government has facilitated Antiguan and Barbudan students studying in Jamaica to return home.
 - The Government has secured cloth, thread and elastic for local mass production of masks. A number of individuals are also involved in the production and sale of cloth masks.
 - The Government of Venezuela donated 3,000 testing kits and 50 reagents to Antigua and Barbuda.
 - The NEOC facilitates the process for Montserrat to have a reliable source of oxygen.
 - The Infectious Disease Control Centre has received critical equipment to be used in the fight against COVID-19.
 - Work continues on the Infections Disease Control Centre and the Acute Severe Respiratory Treatment Centre.
 - The Ministry of Health continues to train staff to conduct COVID-19 testing.
 - Approximately 2,800 food packages have been delivered to vulnerable persons.
 - The Government continues to receive COVID-19 relief items from national organisations and friendly governments.
 - The airport remains closed except for cargo, essential supplies and to transport non-nationals to their homeland.
 - Schools are closed indefinitely, however lessons are being done online.
 - Carnival has been cancelled.
 - The COVID- Hotline number is 46COVID (462-6849).

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THE BAHAMAS – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

- As at April 23, there are 72 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- There have been seven (7) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Grand Bahama, sixty-one (61) confirmed cases in New Providence, one (1) confirmed case in Cat Cay, and three (3) confirmed case on the island of Bimini.
- The death toll currently stands at eleven.
- In total 853 persons were tested.
- The Princess Margaret Hospital and Doctors Hospital have already formed an alliance with agreed protocols to accept COVID-19 patients for treatment.
 - To prevent these facilities from being inundated with cases, the Ministry of Health has dedicated the South Beach Health Clinic to accept mild to moderate cases of COVID-19 patients.
- In conjunction with the Prime Minister and Government of The Bahamas, the Ministry of Health wishes to join the clarion call and national appeal to all available healthcare personnel to assist to lighten the load of those already positioned on the frontline.
- To ensure that adequate numbers of PPEs are maintained, the Government has already ordered additional supplies, supply levels are constantly being maintained and rates of usage of PPEs are being carefully monitored.
- Importation of non-medical protective face masks was prohibited, effective 8 a.m., Friday, 10 April, 2020.
- Every person who leaves their residence must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth while away from their residence
- The alphabetical shopping schedule was temporarily suspended but has come back into effect on Monday the 20th of April.



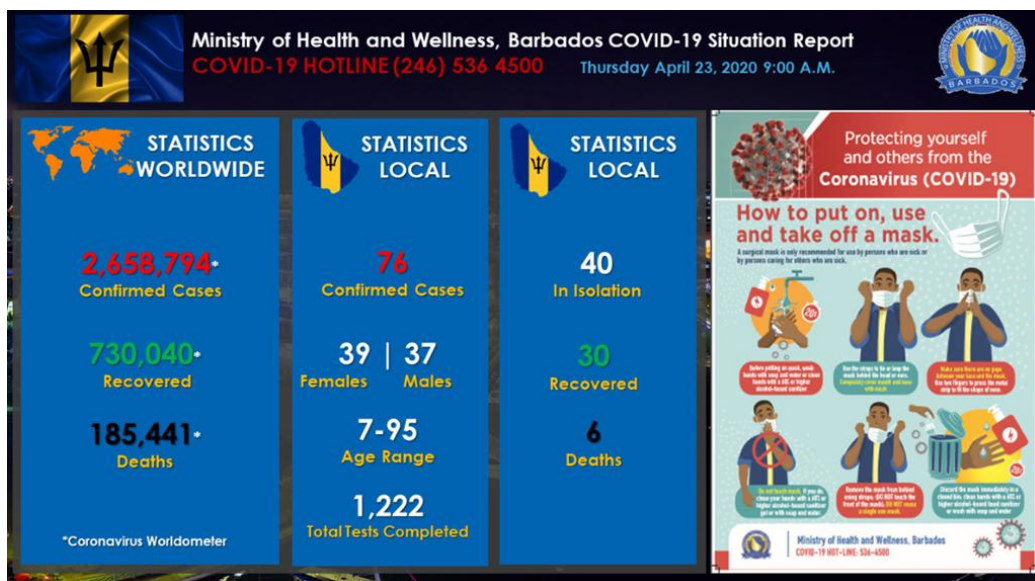
- Despite expected economic fall-out of the mandatory lockdowns, the Government has already committed to providing physicians with a \$5,000.00 honorarium for those who work on the frontline of the health sector's response. The Government has also offered the provision of a life insurance benefit of \$100,000 should a health care worker contract the COVID-19 virus and experience an untimely death.

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BARBADOS – Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

- As at April 23, 2020, the Ministry of Health stated that there were seventy-six (76) confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- There were six (6) deaths and thirty (30) persons have recovered.
- On April 20, the Ministry of Health and Wellness announced that would it will be broadening testing for COVID-19 to establish testing centres across the island which will include all the polyclinics.
- From 15 April 2020, the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training has offered primary and secondary school students who are having challenges coping with the COVID-19 pandemic access to the services of a trained counsellor.
- All public schools will be preparing to roll out online teaching using the Google G Suite for Education platform from 20 April- 24 April.
- On 11 April 2020, the Prime Minister announced that the curfew, in place since April 3, will be extended until midnight May 3 along with an alphabetized shopping and banking schedule.
- The Central Bank of Barbados and the Financial Services Commission (FSC) advised that all deposit-taking institutions and/or businesses facilitating domestic or international payments can open under the extended 24-hour curfew, which runs from April 15, 2020 until May 3.
- From 14 April 2020, essential cargo deliveries were done through an appointment system at the Bridgetown Port, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The Acting Prime Minister announced that the National Insurance Office has received close to 30,000 unemployment benefit applications since the middle of March, and Government is working assiduously to ensure unemployed people receive funds
- The Prime Minister advised that the Barbados Secondary Schools' Entrance Examination (BSSEE) this year would be deferred to another date.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) advised that farming operations are restricted to 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

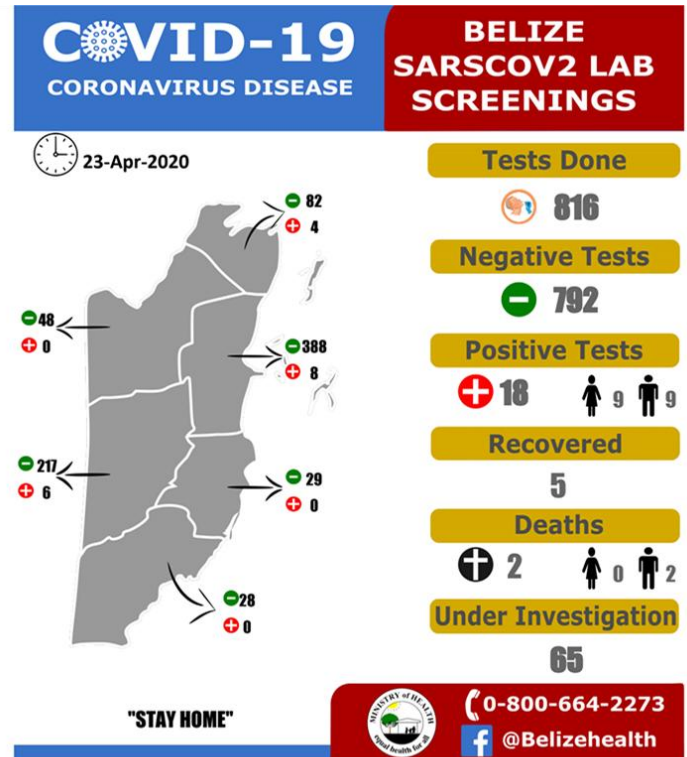


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Belize – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

- There are eighteen confirmed cases of COVID-19 with five persons having recovered.
- Approximately 62,706 applications for the COVID-19 Unemployment Relief Program have been received through the COVID19 electronic services portal which opened at 2:00 pm on April 14.
 - 7,247 applications were approved and sent to the Social Security Board (SSB) for disbursement.
- The Ministry of Health confirms that there are two (2) active clusters being closely monitored. These are located in San Ignacio and Belize City.
- The Government of Belize in conjunction with the Embassy of the United States of America (USA) is organizing a repatriation exercise for persons who may have become displaced in Belize due to COVID-19.



For assistance, contact us at: 0-800-MOH-CARE (0-800-664-2273)

or email us at: info@covid19.bz

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CAYMAN ISLANDS – Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI)

- As at April 22, 2020, there were 66 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Seven (7) persons have recovered and there was one (1) death.
- 786 people were tested for COVID-19
- Until adequate numbers are available, wearing of masks will not be made mandatory at places of greater public contact such as banks, supermarkets, gas stations or pharmacies. Work on increasing the availability of homemade masks for non-surgical or non-medical use is at a heightened level.
- His Excellency the Governor announced an evacuation flight to Miami will take place on Friday, May 1, 2020.
- The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands have announced that under the advice of Hazard Management and with the approval of the Cabinet, all educational institutions will remain closed for the duration of the 2019/2020 academic school year.
- The Commerce Minister announced that the Government has approved the Trade and Business Licensing (Temporary Reduction in Fee) Regulations 2020, which will waive the payment of trade and business licensing application fees for businesses, effective 1 May to 31 July 2020.
- In addition, late fees from 1 March to 31 July 2020 will be waived for all applicants.
- Beaches remain entirely off limits for any activity, including swimming and fishing
- All seeking emergency flights should call 949-2311 or if in the US 1-800-422-9626.



Essential Supermarket Shopping by Last Name

A–K: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

L–Z: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

Taking children strongly discouraged.

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gov.ky/coronavirus

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DOMINICA– Office of Disaster Management (ODM)

- Emergency Powers Curfew Order 2020, which imposed a curfew from 6:00am to 6:00 pm, April 6 to April 20 has been extended.
 - The state of emergency has been extended for another three months and the curfew restrictions another 21 days
- The National Co-operative Credit Union (NCCU) Limited has formalized a specific package of relief in keeping with its commitment to assist members in the difficult time created by the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID 19)
- The Government of Venezuela has donated medical equipment and supplies to Dominica to help in the battle against COVID-19.
- The Minister for Education, Human Resource Planning, Vocational Training and National Excellence has put various measures in place to assist students who have had to stay at home because of COVID-19



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19] REPORT

as at Wednesday, April 22nd,



WORLDWIDE
CORONAVIRUS
[COVID-19] REPORTS

CONFIRMED CASES: 2,629,951
RECOVERED: 716,731
DEATHS: 183,723



**Ministry of Health, Wellness and
New Health Investment, Dominica**

COVID-19 HOTLINE:

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GRENADA – National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA)

Grenada Total Cases:

15

World Total Cases:

2,710,071

Grenada Total Recovered:

6

World Recovered Cases:

743,510

Grenada Total Deaths:

0

World Total Deaths:

190,098

Source: Ministry of Health Grenada

- As at April 23, there have been 15 COVID-19 cases in Grenada. Rapid testing has commenced and more than 100 persons have been tested.
- A COVID-19 Coordinator has been appointed and the Cabinet approved COVID-19 coordinating mechanism based at the NaDMA headquarters building is operational. It is led by the Ministry of Health and includes the Police Academy and NaDMA among others.
- The EOC within the COVID-19 coordination mechanism is semi-active. The facility allows for some physical and virtual coordination. It is available between 9 am to 5 pm daily and through the 911 system after 5 pm in cases of extreme necessity. EOC contact information 440-8390-4, 440-0838 (T), or nadma@spiceisle.com (E).
- Care packages are being provided for families affected by the COVID-19 impact.
- Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 4) Regulations, 2020 were issued and are in effect as of 20 April 2020.

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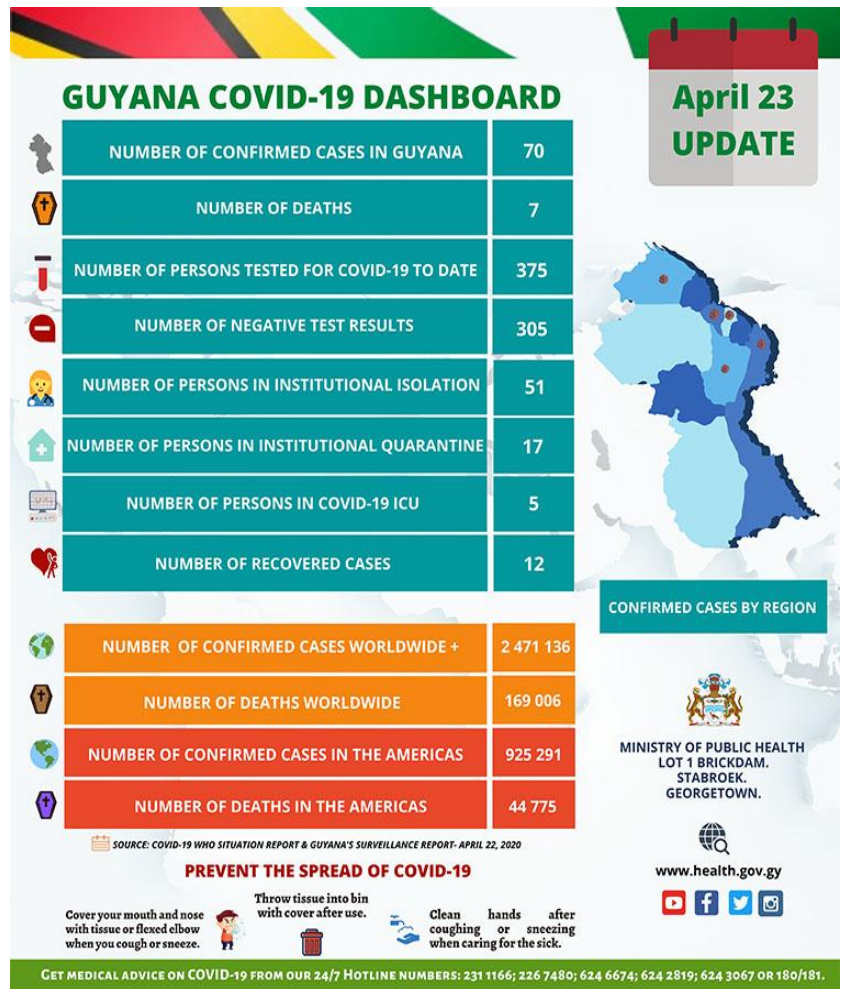
- Borders remain closed to all internal and external travel.
- A curfew is in effect beginning from the 20th day of April, 2020 and ending at 7:00 a.m. on the 27th day of April, 2020.
- Freedom of movement may be exercised on a designated business day- Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- It is a legal requirement for every person to wear a mask or suitable covering over his nose and mouth whenever– (a) he is on, enters, attempts to enter or is in a line to enter, the premises of a business, establishment or government office; (b) he is in a motor vehicle with any other person.
- The health hotline can be reached at 538 4787 or 458 4787.

Updates from CDEMA Participating States



GUYANA – Civil Defense Commission (CDC)

- As of 23 April, there are 70 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Guyana.
- The Ministry of Public Health reported that Region Four is the epicentre for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
- The National COVID-19 Task Force (NCTF) is exploring a more sustainable approach to provide relief to vulnerable persons in Guyana affected by novel coronavirus. To this end,
 - The Civil Defence Commission's distribution of relief hampers has been temporarily suspended to ensure that the most vulnerable sections of the various communities are being assisted.
 - In addition to the distribution of hampers, the Government is engaging the agricultural and business sectors to address the issue of agricultural and economical security.

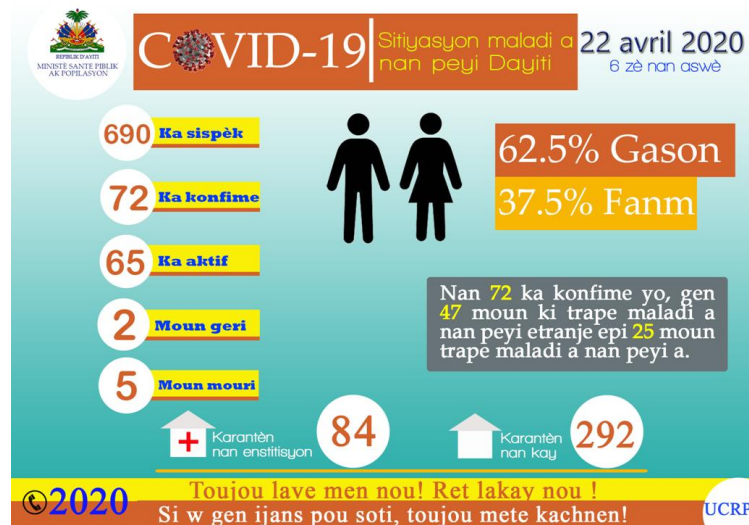


- The USA is releasing \$100 million (US \$475,000) through the Regional Caribbean Office of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to help address Guyana's priority areas of laboratory diagnostics and systems strengthening and supplies, surveillance, infection prevention & control, and emergency operation centres.
- The Ministry of Education (MOE) is working on a comprehensive long-term plan to ensure that no student is disenfranchised as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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HAITI – The Civil Protection Directorate

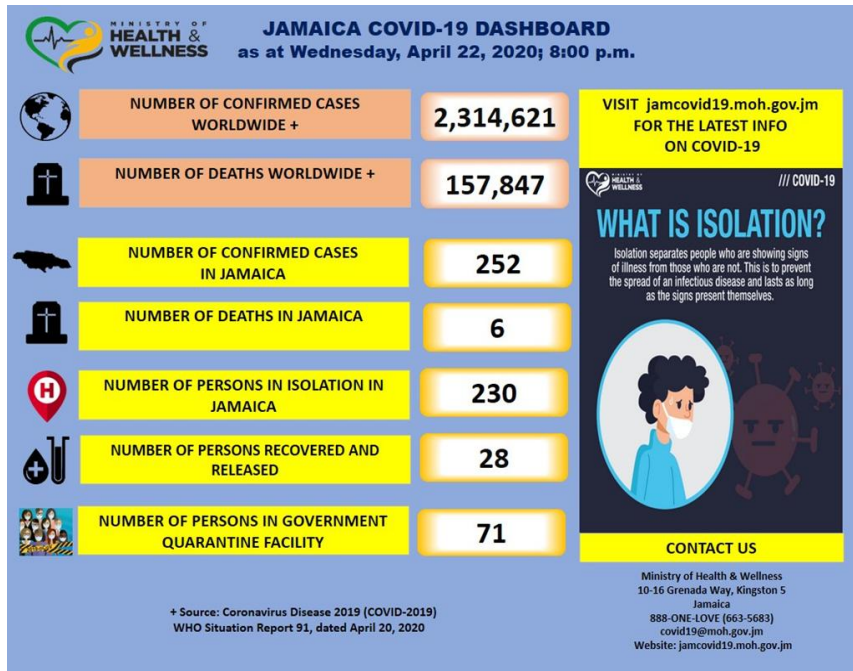
- As at 22 April, the Ministry of Health (MSPP) reported that 72 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed.
- To date, there were five (5) deaths
- Two persons have recovered.
- On April 23rd, 2020, the Ministry of Health issued a statement notifying the country of the most recent death, which emerged from the Department of Latibonite, sending condolences to his friends and family.
- The Ministry urged the population to take seriously the precautions for fighting COVID-19, re-emphasizing the need to stay at home, practice frequent handwashing and refrain from touching the eyes, nose and mouth.
- Equipment and materials, including personal protective equipment, are still urgently needed.
- The President has created a “Multi-sectoral Commission for the management of the COVID-19 pandemic” to lead the strategic planning of the response.
- Surveillance at the border with the Dominican Republic is being strengthened.
- Awareness raising and community sensitization continues.
- The Ministry of Education (MENFP) will launch a new online platform next week. It will contain pedagogical resources for teachers, parents and students, enabling home learning. Meanwhile, educational radio and television programs are being recorded and will be aired on local media.
- As part of the COVID-19 response, the Government of Haiti has authorized companies in the textile and clothing sector to reopen for the production of medical materials. The UN system has engaged in discussions with the textile sector



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



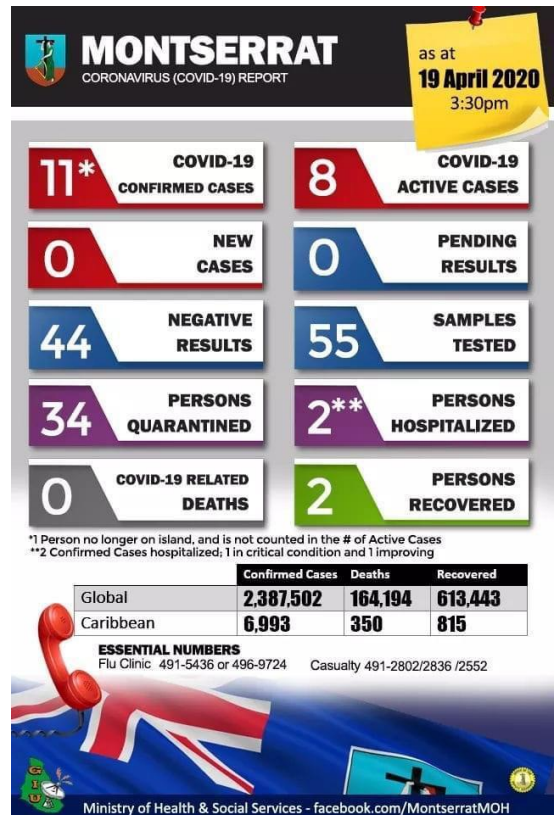
- As at 23 April 2020, The National Surveillance Unit of the Ministry of Health and Wellness has reported that in the last 48 hours, fourteen additional samples have tested positive for COVID-19. This brings the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Jamaica to 257.
- There are now 140 confirmed COVID-19 cases related to the workplace cluster. Their ages range from 18 to 52 years. They include 110 females and 30 males. The new cases are from Clarendon and St. Catherine.
- Some 97 (38%) confirmed cases are male and 160 (62%) are female, while the age of all confirmed cases range from 2 to 87 years.
- The health departments across the island are currently tracing approximately 1,409 close contacts of the confirmed cases.
- The National Surveillance Unit in the Ministry of Health & Wellness has also advised that to date, a total of 2,213 samples have been tested including those for Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI), resulting in 1,872 negative and 252 positive results, with 1 sample pending.
- The total number of persons recovered and released from hospital is 28 while, there are 6 deaths. Currently 230 patients remain in isolation and 71 persons are in quarantine in a government facility.
- Jamaica borders remain closed until 31 May, subject to controlled re-entry of Jamaicans in accordance with established protocols.
- In an effort to increase the national COVID19 testing capacity has commissioned a brand new COBAS 6800 sample testing machine. This machine has the capacity to test 380 samples in every 8 hour shift.

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MONTERRAT – Disaster Management Coordination Agency (DMCA)

- The Social Services Department, with funding through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MoFEM), has been implementing a 'COVID-19 SOCIAL BENEFIT SUPPORT' Programme, which includes several packages of assistance. The programme includes:
 - Extension of the 'meals on wheels' service.
 - Medication collection and delivery facilitated by The Social Services Department and the Montserrat Red Cross volunteers.
 - Red Cross Grocery Delivery service
 - Monthly Food Package for low income earners, and persons who are in quarantine who are unable to access food. This will be offered for 3 months, in the first instance.
 - Social Income Support/Unemployment Benefit (\$900.00) for qualifying persons.



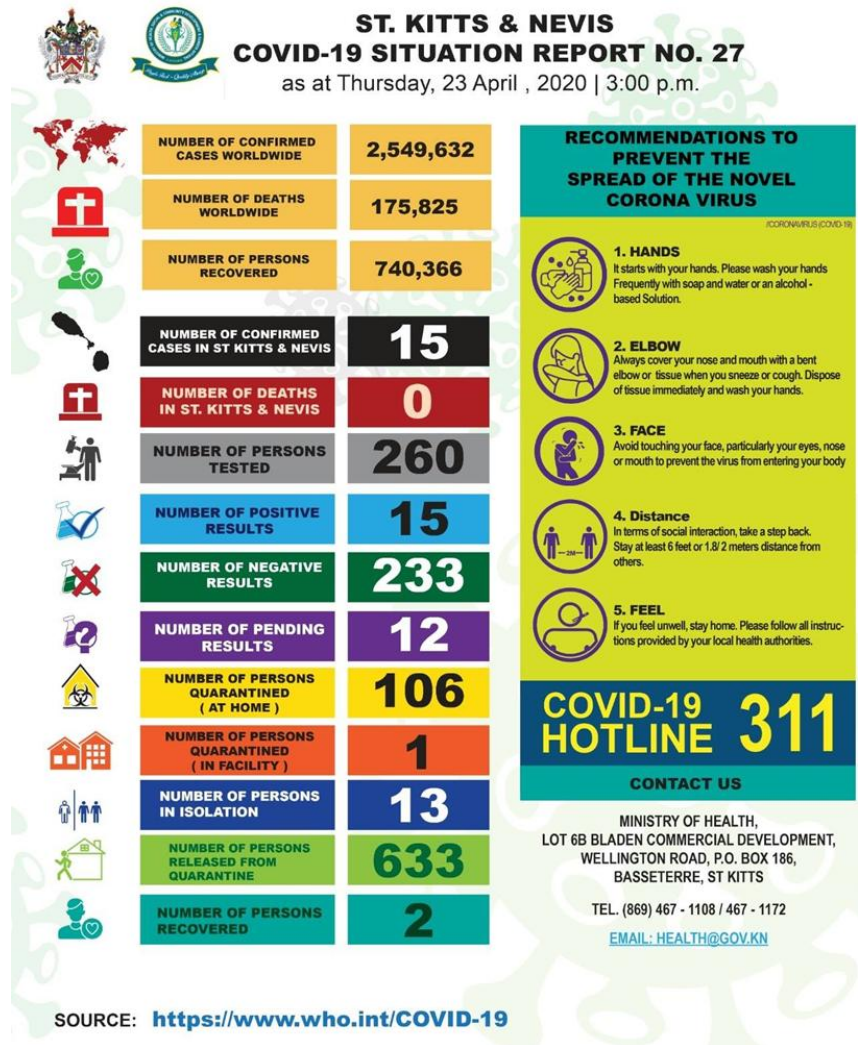
- As at 17 April, 2020 the national shutdown has been extended until 12:00a.m on Friday, 1 May, 2020.
- The Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports continues to support students and teachers during the closure of schools which started on March 13 2020. Educational Institutions will remain closed until May 1st and manage operations thereafter within the guidelines presented by the Ministry of Health and Social Services.
- Education Packages, E-Learning and Teacher training are being facilitated by the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports in support of the continuity of education during the COVID-19 shut-down.
- As part of the Government of Montserrat's COVID-19 stimulus package, eligible businesses in the tourism sector who qualify can apply and receive a cash grant of no more than ten thousand dollars (EC\$10,000.00).

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

- There are 15 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases as of 23 April, 2020.
- No deaths have been reported.
- There will be a lockdown on the weekend of 25-26 April. There will be a gradual relaxation of the hard lockdown.
- There has been an improvement to the adherence to lockdown measures.
- Persons must wear masks before entering facilities and business places.
- The Ministry of Health continues to keep its Health Emergency Operations Centre operational.
- NEMA is operating a 311 health hotline.
- Ports remain closed to commercial flights except for cargo.
- In Nevis, a Mobile app has been developed for the public to relay their health status to the Ministry of Health.
- A COVID-19 task force has been established for Nevis.



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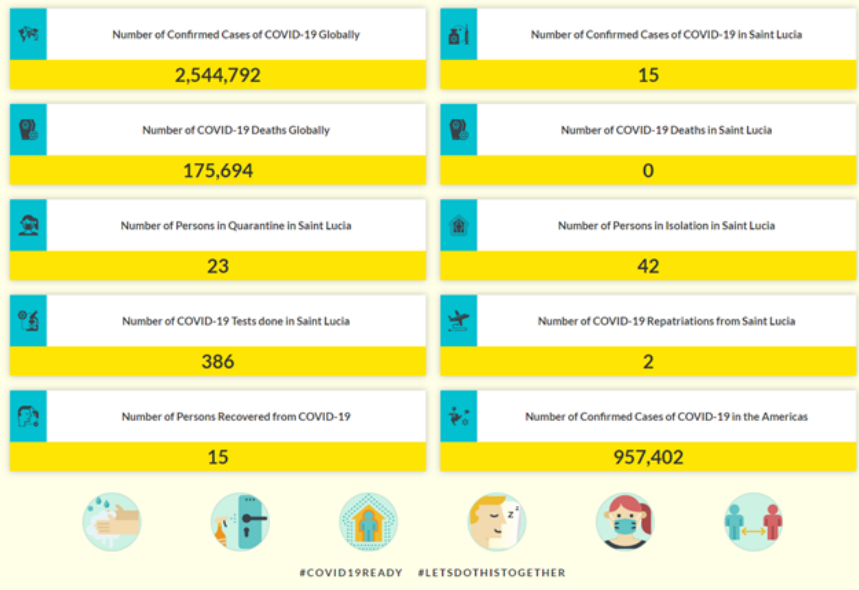


SAINT LUCIA – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

SAINT LUCIA'S COVID-19 DASHBOARD

As of Apr 23, 2020

For more information on Covid-19 please contact the Ministry of Health and Wellness via (758) 468-5342 / (758) 468-5347 / (758) 468-5349 or dial: 311



- As of April 22, 2020, Saint Lucia has a total of 15 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Saint Lucia has recorded a 100 percent recovery of all COVID-19 cases. Among the 15 cases Saint Lucia recorded, were individuals who fell within the category of high risk by virtue of some being elderly as well as living with chronic illness. They too recovered well with no complications or needed critical care.
- Laboratory testing for COVID-19 continues to be conducted both locally and with the support of the Caribbean Public Health Agency Laboratory. Saint Lucia has modified its testing strategy by testing an increased number of samples from community respiratory clinics; this would assist in the assessment of COVID-19 locally.
- Saint Lucia continues on a partial shutdown and on a 10 hour curfew from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- The COVID-19 dedicated website <https://www.covid19response.lc/>, launched by the Ministry of Health & Wellness in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister, continues to provide up-to-date information.

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

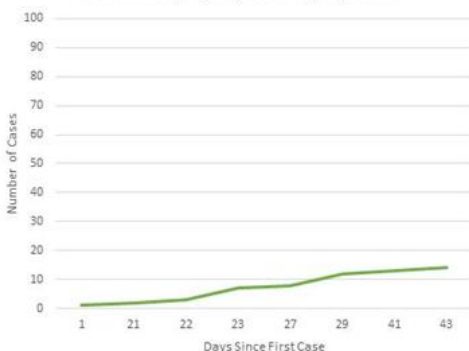
- As of 23 April, 2020, St. Vincent and the Grenadines recorded one additional COVID-19 positive case, bringing the total recorded positive cases to 14. The new case of 23 April is closely associated with the one which was reported on Tuesday, April 21, by the Caribbean Public Health Agency CARPHA, the first since April 9, 2020. Investigations of these cases are continuing and have been productive thus far. However, it is still too early to issue a definitive statement on the source of infection.
- As of 21 April 2020, the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment advises that there is no evidence of community transmission relative to COVID-19, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- On 22 April, 2020 the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) handed over 40,000 surgical masks and 6 thermal imaging devices to the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment. The items represent a further contribution from Taiwan to the SVG National Response to COVID-19.



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

As of Thursday, April 23, 2020 | 6:00 PM

COVID-19 cases in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 3/11/2020-4/23/2020



❖ NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES

14



❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS RECOVERED

5



❖ NUMBER OF COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS

0



❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS TESTED

108



❖ NUMBER OF PENDING RESULTS

0



❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS IN QUARANTINE

30

COVID-19 HOTLINE: (784) 534-4325

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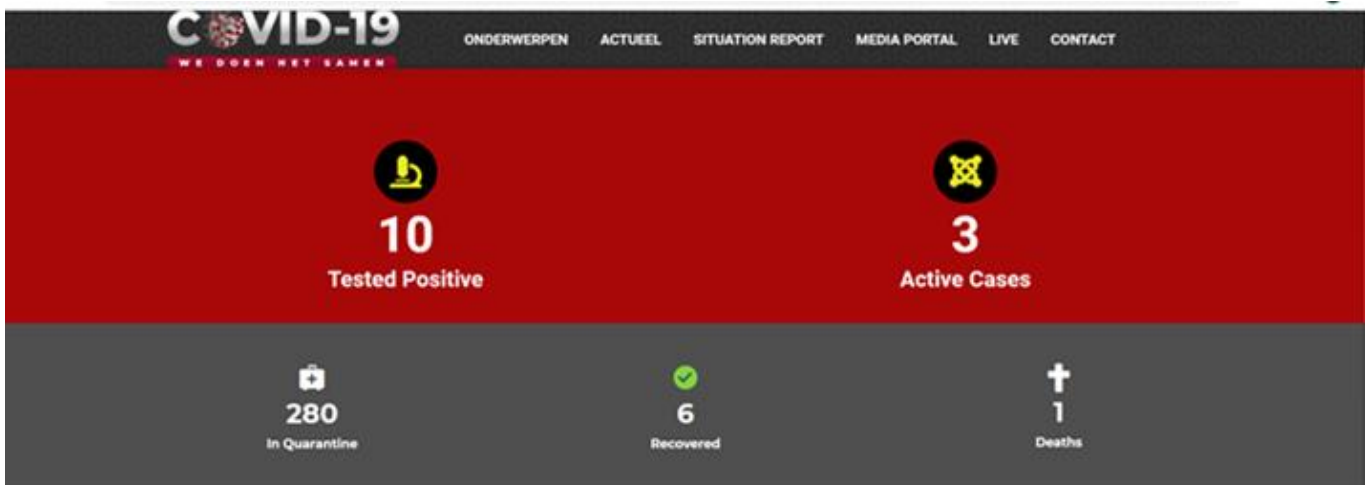
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SURINAME - National Coordination Center For Disaster Relief (NCCR)

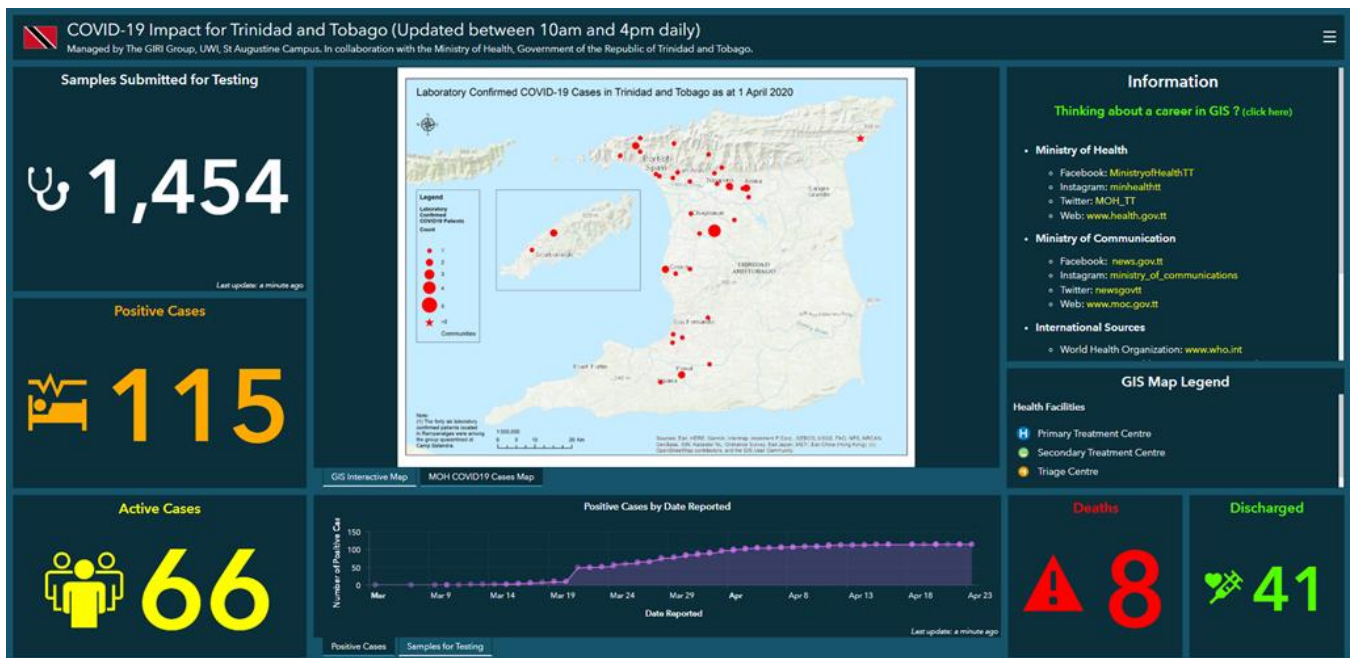
- As at April 22, 2020, there were ten (10) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Suriname.
- Two hundred and eighty (280) persons are currently in quarantine.
- Six (6) individuals have recovered.
- There has been one (1) COVID-related death.
- Civil disobedience on the borders of Suriname is a matter of serious concern to the authorities. There are still persons who cross borders without the permission of the competent authority and endanger overall public health
- Partial lockdown, whereby people are not allowed to walk on the street from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning, with the exception of people from the care, safety and essential destination traffic for work
- Limited gatherings to a maximum of 10 people and a social distance of 2 meters are in effect
- All games of chance and casinos remain closed until further notice.



Updates from CDEMA Participating States

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

- As at April 23, 2020 the Ministry of Health stated the following in a media release:
 - 1459 samples submitted to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) for testing for COVID-19
 - 115 samples have tested positive
 - 8 deaths
 - 45 persons discharged
- Of the total number of positive cases:
 - 52 came from the group of nationals who recently returned from a cruise:
 - 49 positive cases from the group of 68 nationals who returned from the cruise together
 - 3 positive cases from the group of nationals who returned from the same cruise separately from the other 68 nationals.
- The Minister of Education has indicated that school will be not be re-opened until September 2020.
- The ODPM in its Disaster Risk Management role has been supporting the Ministry of Health (MOH) and other essential services, to ensure the public is protected and the best defence is mounted to mitigate and contain the spread of the virus. In this regard, top priority has been given to border health security, providing frontline agencies with personal protective equipment (PPE), interagency planning and coordination, public information dissemination and food security
- 15 additional thermal scanners were donated to Trinidad and Tobago from the People's Republic of China

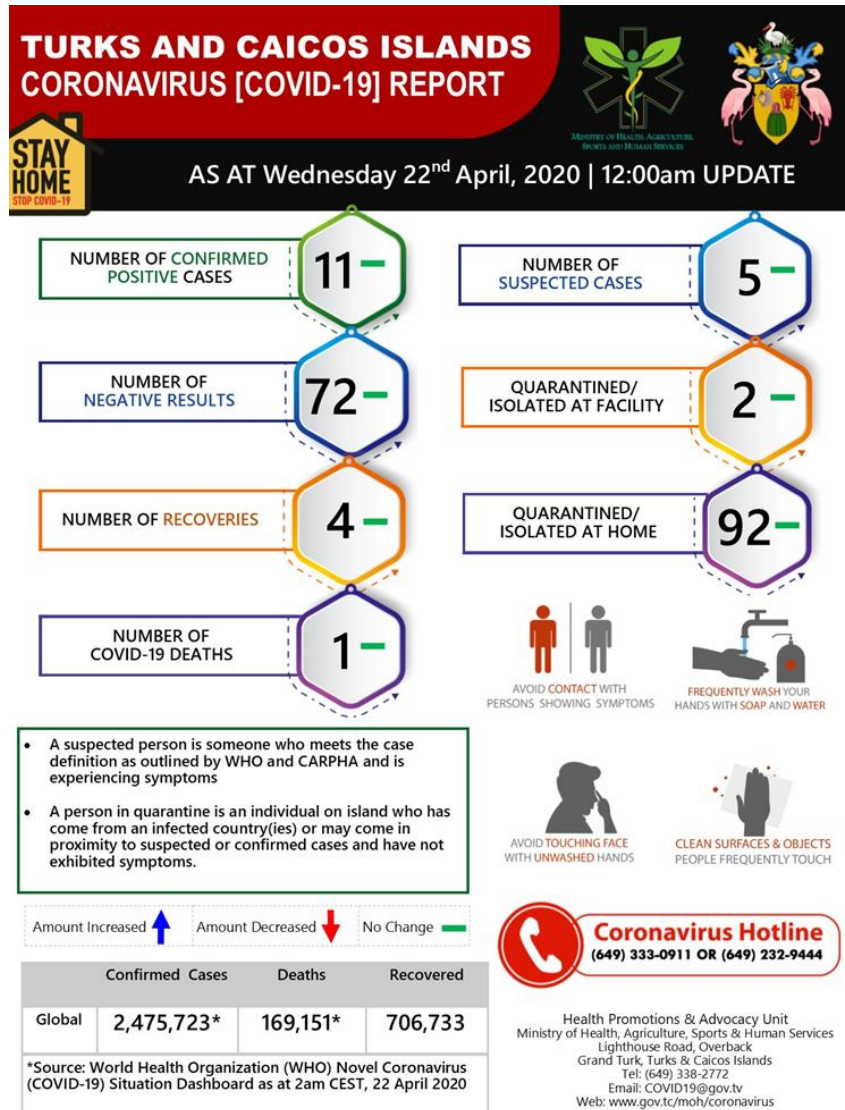


Updates from CDEMA Participating States



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

- As of 22 April 2020:
 - There have been no changes to the COVID-19 situation; there continues to be one (1) death recorded.
 - The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases remains at eleven (11). However, four (4) cases have now officially recovered from COVID-19.
 - Quarantine/Observation numbers have decreased to 94 and a total of 437 individuals have been released from quarantine.
- Since 1 April, 2020 the case definition for COVID-19 was amended for TCI; a travel history is no longer needed to fit the criteria.



Updates from CDEMA Participating States



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

- There are five (5) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in total
- Three (3) of these have been declared as recovered and one case is active
- The first death has been recorded
- One hundred and eighty-five (185) persons are in quarantine
- The territory is going into another shutdown that will expire on Sunday April 26
- The territory was supplied with 480 test kits in the first instance followed by an additional 960 test kits from the United Kingdom
- The government has established a dedicated Essential Supplies Hotline where persons in need are urged to call to access basic food supplies. Priority will be given to seniors and vulnerable families.
- Awaiting the arrival of 30 medical personnel from Cuba
- Phase One of the plan has been endorsed up to June 1, 2020. This first phase represents the internal reopening of the BVI. During this phase borders will remain closed
- A new Curfew Order was put in place for 14 days from 6:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2020 to 6:00 a.m. to Thursday, April 30, 2020
- Cabinet also endorsed the 90-day Public Service Operations Plan in phases up to June 1 2020.
- Cabinet agreed that schools will remain closed to students, but teachers may access schools to facilitate online instruction in a limited capacity. The position on schools will be reviewed weekly by Cabinet as with all other measures
- Borders will remain closed to incoming passengers until 6:00 a.m. on 2 June. By keeping them closed, the VI can build up its capability to fight the virus in the Territory
- Anyone experiencing a fever with cough or difficulty breathing is encouraged to call the Medical Hotline at 852-7650

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 has been finalized with the support of Regional Institutions of CARICOM and submitted to the CARICOM Secretariat .
6. 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 have been packaged and have been distributed to 14 CDEMA Participating States. The University also convened a teleconference entitled COVID-19: Approaching Code Red which was streamed online on Sunday, 19 April, 2020 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The topics included “Unraveling the Natural history of COVID-19”, “Who to test, with which laboratory test and when?” and “Post COVID-19 Pandemic Economic Outlook”.
7. 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).
8. 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.
9. The latest updates on the COVID-19 pandemic in the region can be accessed from the CARPHA's website www.carpha.org
10. CDEMA and the Regional Response Mechanism partners will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as appropriate.