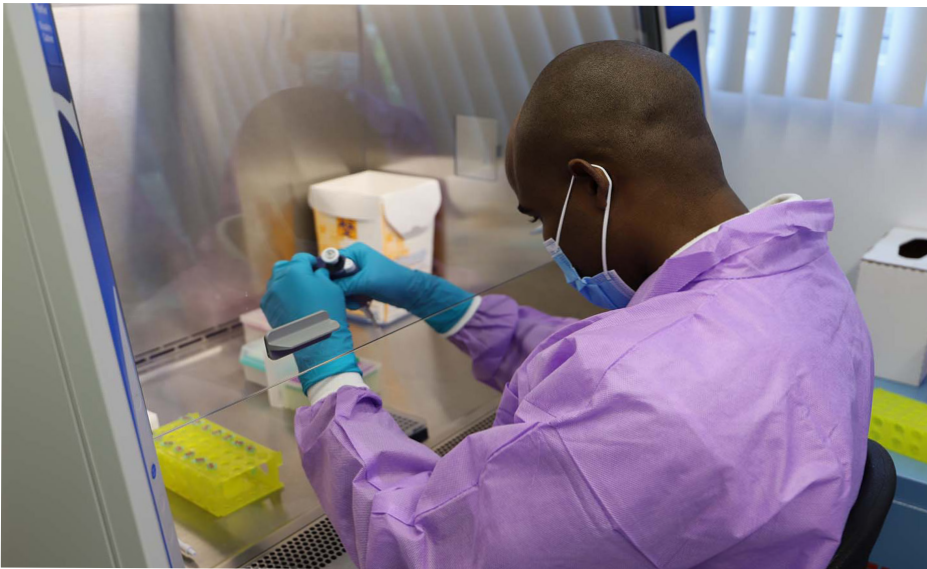




COVID-19 Situation Update - 143

22 October 2021

This situation update is on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported cases, deaths and related vaccination status, Globally, Regionally, for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories, and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories.



Local hotspots drive new COVID-19 cases in the Americas, calling for increased surveillance

PAHO Director says spikes seen in several countries and surveillance critical to identify local outbreaks and prevent further spread of the disease.

Washington, D.C., October 20, 2021 (PAHO) -- While overall vaccination coverage has reached 41% in Latin America and the Caribbean, surveillance will remain key to identifying new risks and responding to local infection hotspots, the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Carissa F. Etienne said.

The PAHO Director warned of increased infection rates in the Caribbean, parts of Canada, Mexico, Bolivia, and Venezuela, and underscored the need to track

and manage infections closely as vaccine rollout continues.

"Surveillance has always been the eyes and ears to guide our COVID response," Dr Etienne said during a press briefing, "as we navigated our pandemic peaks and as we continue to track emerging variants."

"Health authorities should have a clear picture of what is happening at the local level and quickly communicate both the risks and the public health measures needed to reduce transmission," she said.

For municipalities to detect risks as they emerge, the Director added, institutions such as laboratories, public health schools and univer

Region of the Americas

92,640,712
cases

2,272,988
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

1,166,178,399
total vaccine doses administered

Global

242,348,657
cases

4,927,723
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

6,655,399,359
total vaccine doses administered

sities must also be empowered to diagnose new infections locally.

She also called for enhancing surveillance tools and networks to monitor diseases more efficiently and sustainably, adding that PAHO is working with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to implement a new PCR test protocol to simultaneously detect COVID-19 and influenza from the same sample.

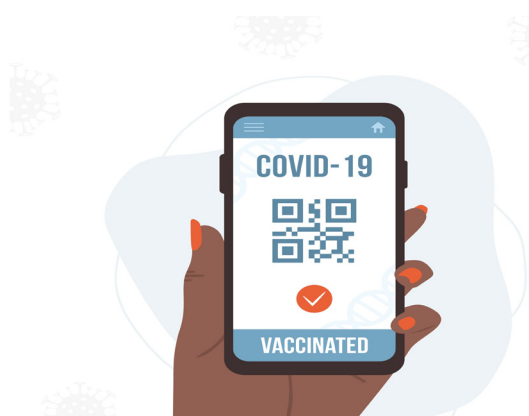
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COVID-19 highlights

ANGUILLA - Effective November 1, 2021, amendments will be made to the entry regime for all fully vaccinated arrivals - whether a visitor or returning resident. These include - visitors 18 years and older excluding pregnant women must be fully vaccinated; a negative Covid-19 test is required taken no less than 2-5 days prior to arrival; the laboratory processing pre-arrival test must be accredited, self administered home tests and antibody tests will not be accepted.

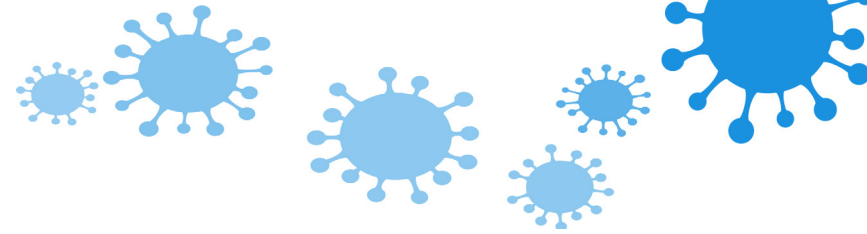
BARBADOS - The roll out of booster shots, began on Wednesday October 20, 2021, starting with staff of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Under the National Vaccination Programme for COVID-19, on October 21, booster shots were offered to fully vaccinated persons aged 70 and over, and those who are immunocompromised and who had received their second dose before the end of April.

Effective Sunday, October 24, 2021 fully vaccinated travellers to Barbados with a valid negative pre-flight Covid-19 PCR test result will no longer be required to take a Covid-19 test or quarantine on arrival to the island.



Country/Territory	Data as of:	People Vaccinated with		7 Day Daily Average of Vaccination
		1 Dose	2 Doses	
Anguilla	18/10/2021	9548	9157	
Antigua and Barbuda	20/10/2021	7347	48408	540
Barbados	22/10/2021	146302	119876	989
British Virgin Islands	05/10/2021	17607	15468	76
Dominica	20/10/2021	27412	23579	309
French Guiana	17/10/2021	82008	71742	502
Grenada	21/10/2021	37675	30284	371
Guadeloupe	12/10/2021	126645	114080	2583
Martinique	22/10/2021	128201	108887	686
Montserrat	13/10/2021	2911	1409	0
Saint Barthelemy	12/10/2021	6748	6286	15
Saint Kitts and Nevis	18/10/2021	2351	24054	202
Saint Lucia	21/10/2021	49802	38,836	485
Saint Martin	12/10/2021	12631	11406	22
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	21/10/2021	23127	14903	94

* Red indicates decreasing trend compared to previous 7 day period, green indicates increase



ECC COVID-19 Surveillance

Country/Territory	Data as of:	Situation in last 7 days		Active Cases	Hospitalized	Situation since the start of the pandemic	
		New Cases	New Deaths			Cases	Deaths
Anguilla	22/10/2021	125	0	91	7	793	1
Antigua and Barbuda	21/10/2021	136	4	545	22	3994	97
Barbados	22/10/2021	2326	15			14326	124
British Virgin Islands	05/10/2021	49	0	39	1	2725	37
Dominica	20/10/2021	312	2	365		4465	30
French Guiana	15/10/2021	775	9		82	44060	299
Grenada	21/10/2021	91	3	132	12	5795	194
Guadeloupe	10/10/2021	255	9			54095	809
Martinique	22/10/2021	475	12		81	42903	673
Montserrat	15/10/2021	0	0	6	2	41	1
Saint Barthelemy	10/10/2021	1	0			1659	4
Saint Kitts and Nevis	21/10/2021	94	0	384	4	2619	21
Saint Lucia	20/10/2021	202	6	413		12331	238
Saint Martin	10/10/2021	30	0			3888	37
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	21/10/2021	368	9	1756		4786	56

*Figures in red indicate increasing trend compared to previous 7 day period, green indicates decrease

PAHO's Response

Technical and Financial support provided July - October 2021

*Pillar	Activity	Status
ANGUILLA		
Pillar 3	6 COVID-19 testers recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	6 data entry clerks recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	3 contact tracers hired	Completed
Pillar 3	3 laptops procured	Completed
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA		
Pillar 3	Epidemiologist hired for 6 months	Completed
Pillar 3	3 contact tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	3 laptops for contact tracers recruited	In Progress
Pillar 3	3 data entry clerks recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	Go.Data Installation - Introduction meeting	Completed
Pillar 3	Go.Data Installation - follow-up	In Progress
Pillar 3	2 laptops procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	20,000 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	30,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 5	Technical support for setting up new RT-PCR machine at hospital lab	Completed
Pillar 5	2500 rt-PCR Kits purchased	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 RT-qPCR Master Mix purchased	In Progress
Pillar 5	Other materials for PCR purchased	In Progress
Pillar 6	130 cases of gloves purchased	In Progress
Pillar 6	5 cases of shoe covers, 10,000 biohazard bags & 1,000 bouffant caps procured	Completed
Pillar 7	Emergency Medical Team	In Progress
Pillar 9	11 leaders trained on online format of the Chronic Self Management Programme	Completed
Pillar 10	Communications materials on breast feeding and vaccine hesitancy disseminated	Completed
BARBADOS		
Pillar 3	4 contact tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	4 laptops	In Progress
Pillar 5	30,400 Rapid Antigen Kits donated	Completed
Pillar 5	50,000 Rapid Antigen Kits	On Hold
Pillar 5	2 laboratory technologists hired	Completed
Pillar 5	Technical support for assessment of testing strategy and training of new staff (consultant visited 20-25 September and 13 staff trained)	Completed
Pillar 6	500,000 3Q Medical Respirators procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	400,000 KN95 Masks procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	400,000 N95 Masks procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	180,000 Sanitizer procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	150,000 Face Shields procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	350,000 Gowns - Impervious procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	350,000 Gowns - Isolation procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	300,000 Nitrile Exam Gloves procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	300,000 Sterile Latex Surgical Gloves procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	150000 Shoe Covers procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	200000 Germidical Disposable Wipes procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	200000 Caviwipes procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	50 oxygen tanks procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	1 Mobile Primary Care Clinic procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 vehicles procurement procured	In Progress
DOMINICA		
Pillar 4	2 Port Health Surveillance Officers hired	Completed
Pillar 4	Epidemiologist hired for 3 months	In Progress
Pillar 4	2 LCD Monitors for Surveillance Unit procured	In Progress

Pillar 4	5 Computers procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	GeneXpert machine procurement	In Progress
Pillar 5	20000 Nasopharyngeal Swabs for Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	10000 Nasopharyngeal Swabs for Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	Review of functions and future operation of National Laboratory procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	30,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 7	10 High Flow Oxygen Machines procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	1 ABG Machine procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	10 Infusion Pumps procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	20 Oxygen Cylinders (empty) procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	20 QC Pulse Oximeter procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	20 Portable Nebulizer Set procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	1 High Flow Ventilator procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	Assessment of the Oxygen Concentration Plant	Completed
Pillar 7	Comprehensive Clinical Audit of Medical Services	In Progress
Pillar 7	Development of Quality Management System	In Progress
Pillar 7	Review of Medical Records department	In Progress
Pillar 7	Training on Medical Ethics	In Progress
Pillar 7	Human Resource Assessment and Plan for Primary and Secondary Care	In Progress
Pillar 7	Portable Dialysis Machine procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	Supportive Guidelines on the Clinical Management of Cases	Completed
Pillar 10	7 Data Entry Clerks recruited for 3 months	Completed
Pillar 10	7 vaccine promoters recruited	Completed
Pillar 10	7 hand held devices procure	Completed
Pillar 10	2 vehicles procured and rolled out	Completed
Pillar 10	Mini bus rented with driver to transport health workers	Completed
Pillar 10	2 drivers recruited	In Progress
GRENADA		
Pillar 1	High level Meeting held with the MOH to discuss the upsurge in COVID-19 cases (26/8/2021)	Completed
Pillar 3	2 surveillance officers hired	Completed
Pillar 3	Purchase of 8 laptops	In Progress
Pillar 5	60,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits donation	Completed
Pillar 5	8 boxes/125 strips each, fast reaction tubes (8 tubes/strip) 0.1µl procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	3 boxes/300 strips each MicroAmp Optical 8 cap strips procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	10 packs/500 per pack, 1.5 ml DNA/RNA free microcentrifuge PCR tubes procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (10µl) procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (200 µl) procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	5 pack/960 per pack, filtered pipette tips (1000 µl) procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	Air Freight	In Progress
Pillar 5	Primers and probes procured	Completed
Pillar 5	80,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits procured	On Hold
Pillar 6	Advanced IPC training Phase 1	Completed
Pillar 6	Advanced IPC training Phase 2	In Progress
Pillar 6	15300 face masks procured	Completed
Pillar 6	4000 face shields procured	Completed
Pillar 7	Kits for monitoring COVID-19 patients in the community to include: 5000 thermometers	In Progress
Pillar 7	4000 Pulse oximeters procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	1000 Pulse oximeters procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	10000 Brochures	In Progress
Pillar 7	Medical Team with 2 intensivists and 10 nurse practitioners	Completed

Pillar 7	Medical Team with 3 physicians	Completed
Pillar 7	Emergency Medical Team	In Progress
Pillar 9	Meeting of the MHPSS TWG held with focus on the COVID situation and collaborating to address MHPSS needs	Completed
Pillar 10	3 remote monitoring devices procured	Completed
Pillar 10	24 vaccine carriers procured	Completed
Pillar 10	1 Data entry M&E clerk recruited	Completed
Pillar 10	3 Vaccine Data Entry Clerks recruited	In Progress
Pillar 10	8 Laptops with accessories procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	4 Mobile Wifi Devices procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	PPEs procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	Tents procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	AEFI Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 Iceland Refrigerators ETA 11/08/2021 procured	In Progress
ST. KITTS & NEVIS		
Pillar 3	3 contact tracers recruited	Completed
Pillar 4	4 port health surveillance officers hired	Completed
Pillar 5	10,000 VTM swabs 10 QIA amp viral RNA Mini Kits x 250	Completed
Pillar 5	rt-PCR Kits for 500 Reactions procured	Completed
Pillar 5	6- XPRSARS-COV-2-10 KIT,XPRESS,SARS-COV-2,10 TEST Lab supplies:	Completed
Pillar 5	100 96-Well Reaction Plates, 200 Adhesive films, 600 8-Cap Strips, 8 packs of microcentrifuge tubes (500 each), 12 packs of pipettes (960 per pack)	Completed
Pillar 5	10000 Virus Sampling Kit (swabs)	Completed
Pillar 5	PCR Supplies for the LAB procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	10,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 data entry clerks recruited	Completed
Pillar 10	1 laptop received	Completed
Pillar 10	5 laptops procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 -20 freezers procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 1 vehicle (double cam pickup)	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 Televisions for the Clinics (Pfizer Vaccine Roll Out) procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	Posters for the Vaccine Roll Out (Pfizer)	In Progress
Pillar 10	Consultant to provide Assistance for Pfizer Roll out	Completed
SAINT LUCIA		
Pillar 2	Procurement of Camera and Camcorder plus accessories as per request	In Progress
Pillar 3	8 Laptop Community COVID-10 Monitoring Team procured	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Laptop procured	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Desktop procured	In Progress
Pillar 3	1 Computer Monitor procured	In Progress
Pillar 4	100 Eye Goggles procure	In Progress
Pillar 4	100 Hearing Aid Muffs procured	In Progress
Pillar 4	24 First Aid Kits procure	In Progress
Pillar 5	10,875 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	Completed
Pillar 5	Procurement of Laboratory supplies	In Progress
Pillar 5	1000 Rapid Antigen Kits procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	20,000 Rapid Antigen Kits - Projected need	In Progress
Pillar 7	8 Portable Oxygen tanks - filled	In Progress
Pillar 7	8 Oxygen tank regulator valve procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	ICU Medications List	In Progress
Pillar 7	40 Handheld temperature scanner procure	In Progress
Pillar 7	25 Pulse Oximeter procure	In Progress

Pillar 7	Deployment of Emergency Medical Team	In Progress
Pillar 7	3 Procurement of Wall Fan - Wellness Clinics	In Progress
Pillar 7	8 Procurement of Extractor Fans - Wellness Clinic	In Progress
Pillar 10	Supervisor for Data Entry Clerks hire	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of Tables, Chairs and Tents	In Progress
Pillar 10	Consultancy Behaviour Change Consultancy/Vaccine Hesitancy hired	In Progress
Pillar 10	5 vaccine data entry clerks recruit	In Progress
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES		
Pillar 5	10 boxes/1000 reactions each - RT-PCR Kit procured	Completed
Pillar 5	20250 Rapid Antigen Tests procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	60 kits / 10 test each - GeneXpert RT-PCR Kit procured	In Progress
Pillar 5	Biosafety Cabinet procured	In Progress
Pillar 6	5000 Gowns - non porous procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	30 Oxygen Cylinders - "H" Size empty procure	In Progress
Pillar 7	14 Bed Partition on Wheels procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	60 Oxygen Regulator 2 - 15 LPM CGA-540 procure	In Progress
Pillar 7	Procurement of 1 Bus for transportation of patients	In Progress
Pillar 7	9 Oxygen flowmeters procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	41 Oxygen regulators procure	In Progress
Pillar 7	2 ECG Machines procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	25 laptops procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	9 computer stands procured	In Progress
Pillar 7	On-site assistance for Tuttnauer Sterilizer	In Progress
Pillar 10	10 vaccine data entry clerks recruit	Completed
Pillar 10	4 tablets and 12 laptops procured	In Progress
Pillar 10	Vaccine hesitancy survey and communications campaign rolled out	Completed
Pillar 10	1 Refrigerator procured	Completed
Pillar 10	EPI coordination consultant hired	In Progress
Pillar 10	2 ESAVI trays procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	AC and Fan procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	Rental of vehicle for communication + communication material	In Progress
Pillar 10	1 retired nurse ward management hired	In Progress
Pillar 10	1 retired ward manager hire	In Progress
VIRGIN ISLANDS (BRITISH)		
Pillar 3	2 surveillance officers hire	Completed
Pillar 3	1 contact tracer recruited	Completed
Pillar 3	Procurement of 5 laptops, back-packs and accessories	Completed
MONTserrat		
Pillar 7	Oxygen Plant	In Progress
Pillar 10	Ultra Cold Temperature Freezer procure	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 22 Tablets for Data Entry	In Progress
Pillar 10	Procurement of 4 Computers	In Progress
ECC		
Pillar 3?	Documentation of COVID-19 Trends with Public Health and Social Measures	In Progress
Pillar 9	4 Webinars on Mental Health	In Progress
Pillar 10	Anti-Vaccine Hesitancy Campaign rolled out	Completed
Pillar 10	Production of A Matter of Fact video conversation series	In Progress

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PILLAR	DESCRIPTION
Pillar 1	Country level coordination, planning, financing and monitoring
Pillar 2	Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) and infodemic management
Pillar 3	Surveillance, epidemiological investigation, contact tracing, and adjustment of public health and social measures
Pillar 4	Points of Entry, international travel and transport, and mass gatherings
Pillar 5	National laboratories and diagnostics
Pillar 6	Infection prevention and control, and protection of the health workforce
Pillar 7	Case management, clinical operations, and therapeutics
Pillar 8	Operational support and logistics, and supply chains
Pillar 9	Maintaining essential health services and systems
Pillar 10	Vaccination

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