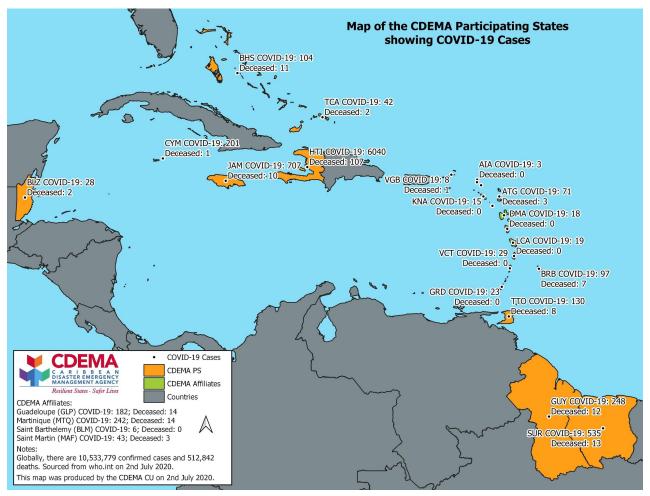


COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN CDEMA PARTICIPATING STATES

SITUATION REPORT No. 17

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 02 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 18th June - The George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, U.W.I.

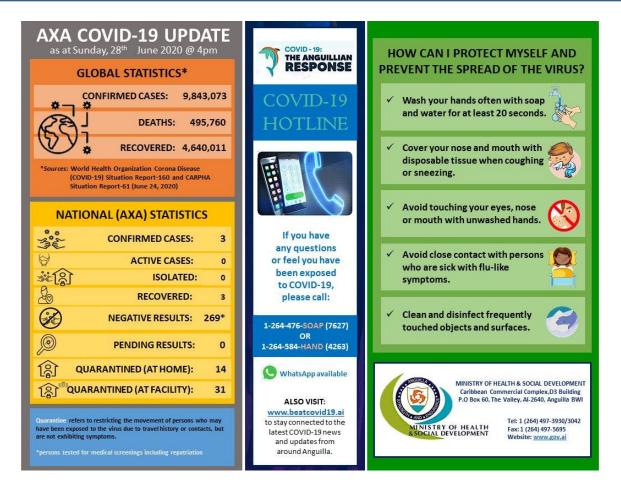
In the week to Thursday July 2, 2020 among the 20 CARICOM members and associate members, there have been 902 new confirmed cases (compared to 975 last week, and 1080 two weeks ago) and 20 new confirmed deaths (compared to 14 last week, and 28 two weeks ago). Most of these new cases were identified in Haiti (611). The remaining 291 cases were reported in 8 countries: Antigua and Barbuda (1 case); Belize (5 cases); Cayman Islands (5 cases); Guyana (39 cases); Jamaica (29 cases); Suriname (178 cases); Trinidad and Tobago (7 cases); Turks and Caicos Islands (27 cases)

In the past 24 hours there have been 93 new confirmed cases and 3 new confirmed deaths. With 6040 confirmed cases, 611 of these in the past week, Haiti remains the outbreak hotspot among the CARICOM members. The continuing outbreak in neighbouring Dominican Republic (33387 cases, 4756 in the past week, 754 deaths) compounds the situation in Haiti.

In response to the new cluster of cases on Providenciales, Turks and Caicos has re-imposed localised restrictions.



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 1 July, 2020 there were no new COVID-19 cases. There are 42 active cases from the total of 68 confirmed cases.

Emergency Powers

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

Borders

- Antigua & Barbuda reopened for tourism on June 4th and the first American Airlines flight arrived at VC Bird International Airport at 11:15 PM.
- The V.C Bird International Airport continues to welcome international and charter flights. Airport operations will change from July 4th with additional daily international flights. Another simulation exercise will be held to test the procedures.
- The Ministry of Health will increase the number of port health stations at the airport.
- 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 will see visitors to Antigua & Barbuda paying US\$ 100 for a COVID-19 test.

Repatriation

- Returning nationals receive health screenings and temperature checks but are not routinely tested.
- Returning Nationals are required to self-quarantine for up to 14 days when their home accommodation is deemed suitable. There is an option to quarantine at the Government's Quarantine facility if they are unable to safely quarantine at home. For details on these procedures please refer to www.visitantiguabarbuda.com

Other

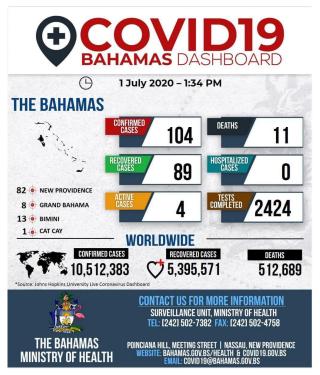
• The list of Emergency Shelters has been published. Shelter Management training in relation to COVID-19 is ongoing. Shelter spaces are being analysed to make the adjustments for physical distancing.



THE BAHAMAS – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

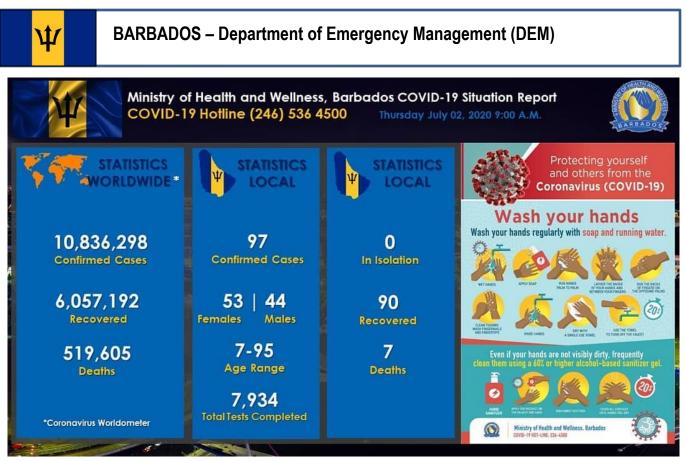
Emergency Powers

- 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; physical distancing protocols will be in place.
- Bars, discotheques, cinemas and cultural entertainment facilities remain closed.
- Further details can be found via: <u>https://opm.gov.bs/emergency-powers-no-4-amend-no-2</u> <u>/</u>



Borders

- Borders opened as of 12:00 a.m. July 1st, 2020 to international commercial travel. The border 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: <u>https://www.facebook.com/MOHBahamas/videos/271685124060700</u>
- All incoming travelers are required to apply for Bahamas Health Visa Card via <u>https://travel.gov.bs/</u>



Cases

- Currently, there are no active cases of the viral illness in the island, since the first two cases were announced on March 16. All of the individuals who were in isolation and quarantine were discharged on June 24.
- 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.

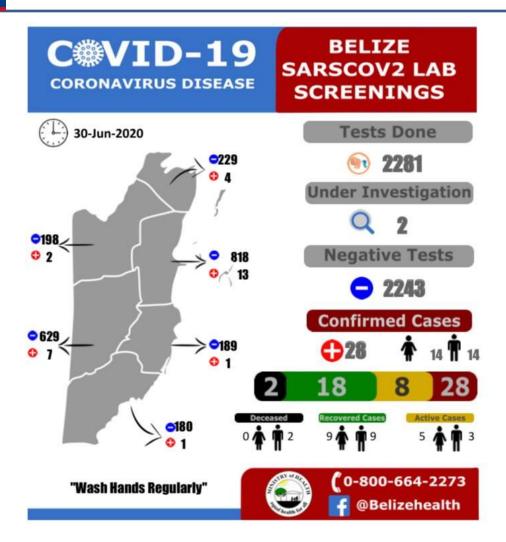
Borders

• 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: <u>https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/blog/new-home-quarantine-policy-for-covid-19/</u>

Reopening

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

BELIZE – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)



Emergency Powers

- As at July 2, 2020, no updates have been observed.
- 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: <u>https://www.repatriation.covid19.bz/Forms/Landing</u>.



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.
- Information on the current restrictions for each island may be viewed here <u>https://www.exploregov.ky/suppression-levels-covid19</u>
- The curfew was lifted on 21 June and the civil service is preparing to resume 100 percent service in next phase of reopening.
- For more information visit: <u>https://www.exploregov.ky/coronavirus</u>

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 1 July 2020, there are no active COVID-19 cases in Grenada. The country has not recorded any new cases for more than one month.

Repatriation

- COVID-19 activity at the moment is related to quarantining repatriated persons that arrived via cruise ships and flights.
- Just over 100 persons that arrived via a cruise ship were released from quarantine last week. Another 60 who arrived on a repatriated flight from the USA were also released from quarantine.
- Thirty-six persons that arrived on a cruise ship on 30 June have been admitted to quarantine.
- The Government of Grenada continues to explore the most feasible and safest way for other nationals stranded abroad, who are desirous, to return to Grenada. All repatriates are subject to screening, testing and mandatory quarantine

Borders

• The Prime Minister announced that borders will not be opened as was previously proposed given what is happening in North America with a spike in COVID-19 cases.

Emergency Powers

- Emergency Powers COVID 19 Regulations No. 14 were issued 29 June, 2020 and a curfew was imposed starting 7:00 a.m. 30 June to 7:00 a.m. 7 July. According to the Regulations:
 - Freedom of movement is permitted 5:00 a.m to 11:00 pm daily
 - Businesses that have already been authorised to operate may remain open until 10 pm daily.
 - Food vendors, restaurants, gyms and fitness centers are allowed to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 10 pm.
 - Social gatherings are permitted to host up to 20 persons.
- Beaches continue to be opened from 5am to 5pm
- Further information on the Emergency Powers Regulations may be accessed at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/GISgrenada/posts/3289684791256891</u>



GUYANA – Civil Defence Commission (CDC)

Cases

- As at 1 July Guyana recorded its 13th COVID-19 death.
- As of 2 July there are 120 active cases of a total of 250 recorded COVID-19 cases. Additionally,
 - 2668 persons have been tested for COVID-19
 - 120 persons are in institutional isolation
 - 16 persons are in institutional quarantine
 - 2 persons are in COVID-19 isolation ICU
 - 117 persons have recovered

Repatriation

- On July 1 a repatriation flight from Miami saw the return of 67 Guyanese due to an approval granted by the National COVID-19 Task Force (NCTF)
- The NCTF has approved another flight of Guyanese from the USA for July 2.
- Guyana's main airports will remain closed to international flights, limited repatriation flights will continue
 provided the NCTF issues its approval.
- Further information released by the NCTF may be accessed at:: <u>https://dpi.gov.gy/national-covid-19-task-force-media-release/#gsc.tab=0</u>

Reopening

• Phase 2 of the six-phase reopening process will commence on Friday, 3 July and will last until 16, July 2020.

Emergency Orders

- For Phase 2, all allowances and measures in Phase 1 will be maintained and, additionally, (i) the manufacturing sector, (ii) public sector construction and (iii) medical schools will be permitted to operate during the non-curfew hours.
- Further, the 6pm to 6am curfew shall remain in effect in all administrative regions for the duration of Phase 2.

Other

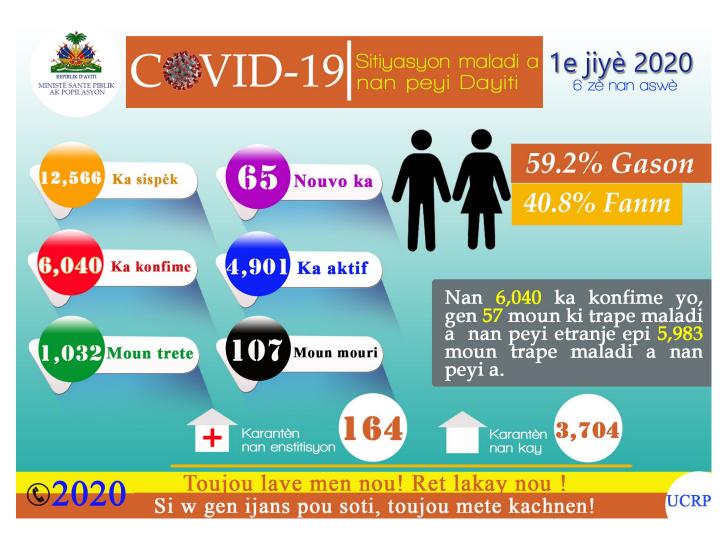
• Eight (8) Prefab Housing Units have been installed by the Civil Defence Commission (CDC) in Morouca, Region One to house persons who tested positive for COVID-19. The units were donated by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

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HAITI – The Civil Protection Directorate

Cases

• As at 30th June 2020, Haiti had a total of 6,040 confirmed cases, of which 4,901 were active cases, 1,032 recovered cases, and 107 deaths. There are 3,868 persons in quarantine.





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

Cases

- As of 2 July, 707 COVID-19 cases have been confirmed. Of this total, there are 142 active cases, all of which are in isolation. Additionally,
 - In 24 hours there were five new cases, all of which were imported, having arrived on flights from the USA.
 - There have been 10 deaths and 555 recoveries;
 - 42 persons are in a Government quarantine facility.

Emergency Powers

- COVID-19 measures were updated as at 29 June and stipulate that from:
 - 1 July
 - Daily national all island curfews are in effect from 11:00 pm to 5:00 a.m. until 31 July, 2020.
 - Gatherings should not exceed 20 persons.
 - 2 July
 - Dining is allowed in restaurants.
 - o 5 July
 - Cinemas, playhouses and theatres will be conditionally reopened to the public for a period of 14 days.
- For more details visit: https://www.facebook.com/themohgovjm

Other

• Fifty residents of St. Catherine are being trained as community health aides (CHAs) in keeping with the Ministry of Health and Wellness' strategic framework to prepare the population to live with the coronavirus (COVID-19).



MONTSERRAT – Disaster Management Coordination Agency (DMCA)

Cases

• There are no active cases of COVID-19 in Montserrat.

Emergency Powers

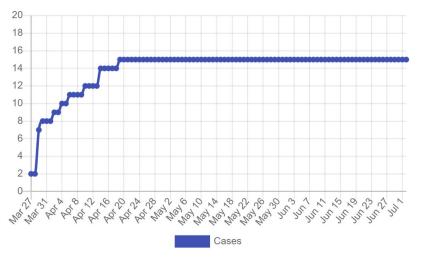
- As of Wednesday July 1, 2020 at 5:00a.m. the curfew which was implemented as part of COVID-19 suppression measures by the Government of Montserrat, was lifted.
- This is outlined in the <u>'Public Health (COVID-19 Suppression) (No.3) (Amendment) Order, S.R.O. 39 of</u> <u>2020</u>' which makes modifications to the S.RO. 36 of 2020 implemented on Monday June 8, 2020.
- Businesses are allowed to operate based on their own established times. However, all social distancing, sanitisation and other precautionary measures guiding the operations of businesses and religious establishments remain in place.
- The maximum number of persons allowed to gather in a public place is 10.
- For further information on COVID-19 updates for Montserrat visit: <u>https://www.facebook.com/GIUMontserrat</u> and <u>http://www.gov.ms/latest-on-the-coronavirus/</u>



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

Cases

As at 24 June 2020, St. Kitts and Nevis continues to have zero active cases of COVID-19



Local Cases Over Time

Source: https://www.covid19.gov.kn/statistics/

- As of 1 July, 2020 the number of confirmed cases remains at 15. Additionally,
 - There are no deaths
 - 469 persons have been tested
 - 72 persons are in quarantine
 - 15 persons have recovered.

Emergency Powers

- <u>Saint Christopher and Nevis Statutory Rules and Orders No. 27 of 2020 Emergency Powers (COVID-19)</u> (<u>No. 10) Regulations</u> came into effect from 5:00 a.m. 27 June until 4:59 a.m. 25 July. Under these Regulations:
 - The nightly curfew remains in place from 12:00 midnight of one day to 4:59 a.m. of the following day.
 - Beaches can now be open to the general public without limitation during the days of limited operation.
 - All educational places of instruction shall remain closed.
 - All religious places of instruction or worship may function on a day of limited operation



SAINT LUCIA – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

Cases

- On Thursday, July 2, 2020 Saint Lucia recorded three positive cases of COVID-19. The individuals are a 44 year old female, a 32 year old male and a 36 year old female; all are returning nationals who previously worked on cruise lines who upon arrival in country have been in institutional quarantine. They have now been transferred to the Respirtaory Hospital for isolation and supportive care.
- The total number of confirmed cases in Saint Lucia is 22 and there are now three active cases.
- The last community case was 2 months ago.



Reopening

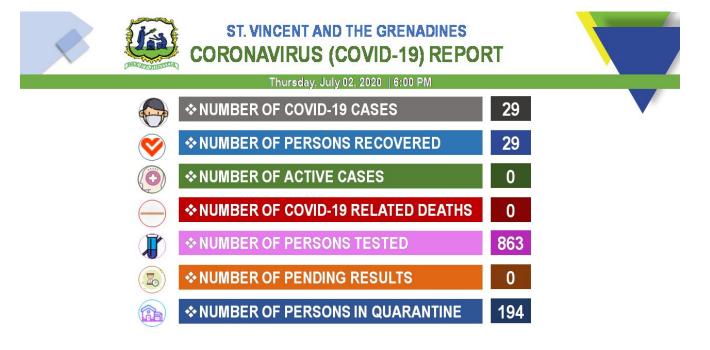
- A key part of Saint Lucia's responsible reopening is the COVID-19 compliance certification process for the accommodations sector. For more information about Saint Lucia's COVID-19 response, all protocols and details of requirements prior to entry, please visit: <u>www.stlucia.org/covid-19</u>.
- With effect from July 9, 2020 all arriving passengers must have a negative result from a PCR test within 7 days of travel unless they are arriving from countries in the Travel Bubble designated by the Government.
- Practically all national sectors have re-opened, with the exception of mass crowd events.

Other

• The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO), recently hosted a series of workshops to instruct emergency shelter staff on how to deal with the new COVID-19 environment within the shelters.



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



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Cases

As at July 2, 2020, there are zero (0) active cases of COVID-19 in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Other

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



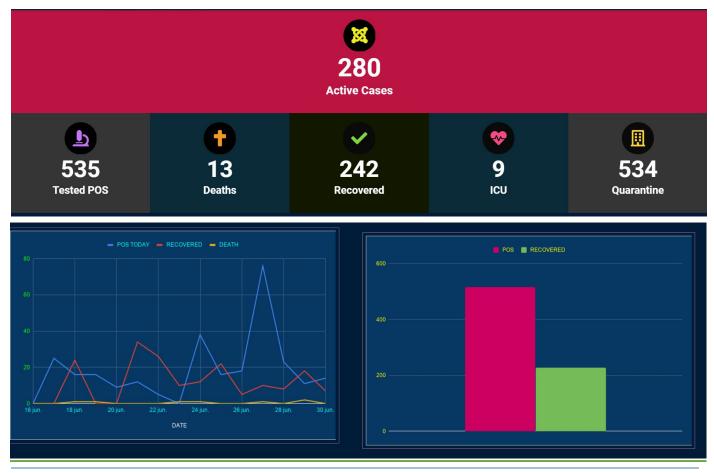
SURINAME - National Coordination Center For Disaster Relief (NCCR)

Cases

• As at 2nd July 2020, Suriname had a total of 535 confirmed cases, of which there are 280 active cases. 242 have recovered and 13 COVID-19 related deaths.

Other

- The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture has indicated that test and exam students will return to school on July 6, 2020. The Ministry is already looking at the measures to be taken for the new school year 2020-2021, to keep the students and teachers safe.
- The National COVID-19 Management Team (NCMT) will have a discussion with the bus holders on Friday, July 3, 2020 on new measures to be taken within the COVID-19 context while, beauty salons will also be further informed about protocols for their operations.





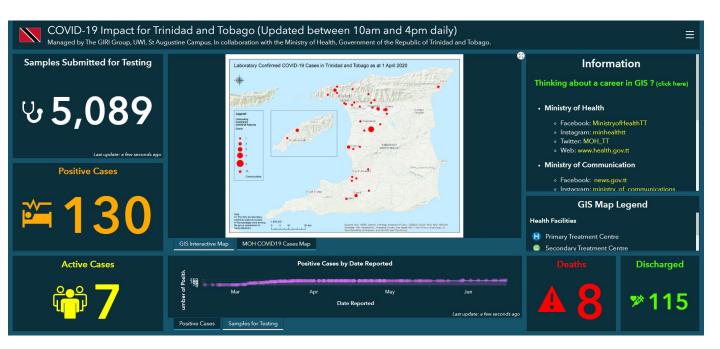
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO – Office of Disaster Preparedness & Management (ODPM)

Cases

- As at 2nd July 2020, Trinidad and Tobago had a total of 130 confirmed cases, of which there are 7 active cases. There have been 115 discharges from quarantine / isolation and 8 deaths.
- There were 5089 samples submitted for testing.

Other

- Cabinet has approved ODPM's proposal for preparedness month to be the month of May as of next year (2021) and it will be recognised as the official National Preparedness month
- On June 30th, 2020, a table-top exercise was held with the financial sector focused on preparedness and response actions, and a wider stakeholder meeting was held on Wednesday July 1, 2020 that examined hurricane preparedness within the COVID-19 context





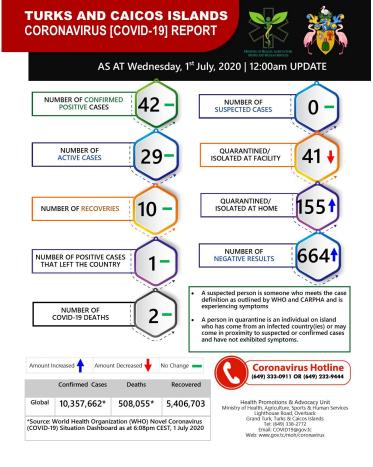
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS – Department of Disaster Management & Emergencies (DDME)

Cases

- The number of active confirmed cases remain at twenty-nine (29), with two (2) 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 forty-two (42) and no new suspected cases have been recorded. The total number of recoveries from COVID-19 remains at ten (10).

Other

 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 in quarantine.





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: <u>https://carpha.org/Portals/0/Documents/COVID%20Situation%20Reports/Situation%20Report%2053%20-%20</u> <u>June%2003,%202020.pdf</u>

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-n4eqqtd2 https://tinyurl.com/uwi-covid19-surveillance



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