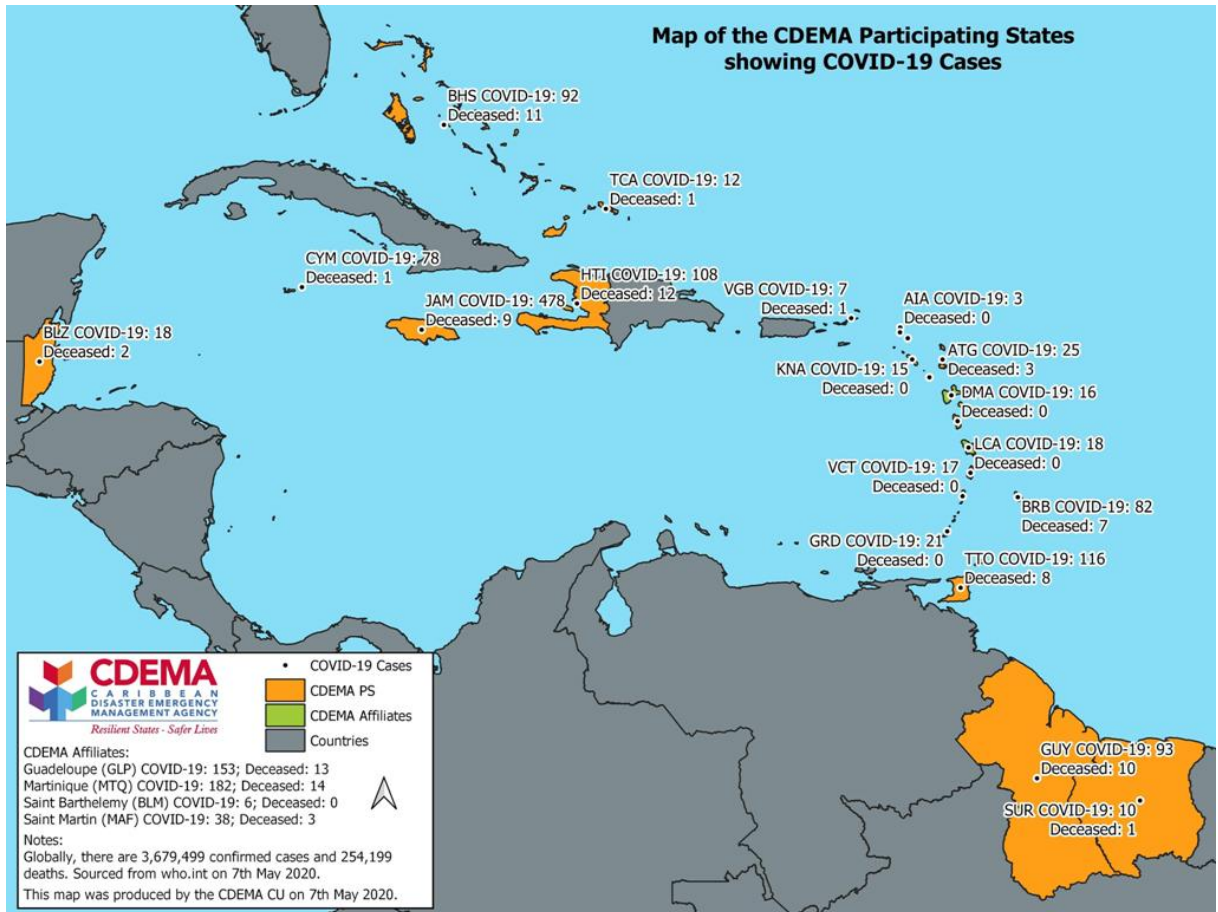


COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN CDEMA PARTICIPATING STATES

SITUATION REPORT No. 9

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 7 MAY, 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. 42 (dated 6 May, 2020), there are 14,184 cases in 33 countries/territories (including 24 CARPHA Member States), in the Caribbean Region. The risk of further importation of cases to the rest of the Caribbean remains **Very High**. Since the previous report on May 4 2020, an additional 724 cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in 11 countries within the Caribbean, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 14,184 in 33 countries/territories. This new total represents a 5% increase in the number of confirmed cases. The number of deaths recorded in the Caribbean region as at May 6 2020 is 603.

Since February 10, 2020 and as of May 5, 2020, CARPHA has received 3,475 samples from 16 CMS, 415 (11.9%) of which have tested positive since the start of the outbreak, 249 results (7.2%) correspond to new cases.

COVID-19 Multi Sectoral Coordination Diagram

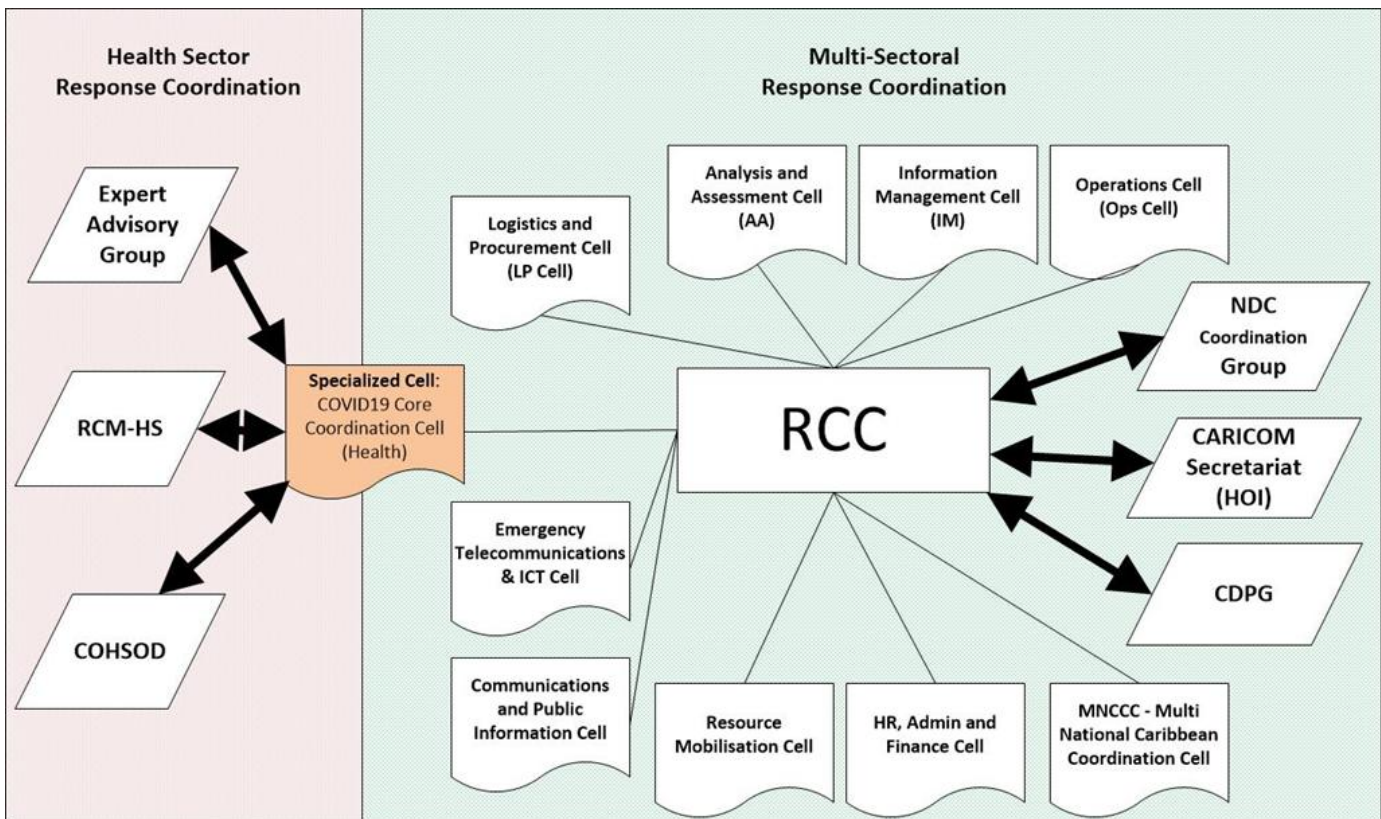


Figure 1: Multi-sectoral Coordination and the RCC

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

COVID-19 Assessment and Analysis, modeling and surveillance products developed by University of the West Indies, through the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre

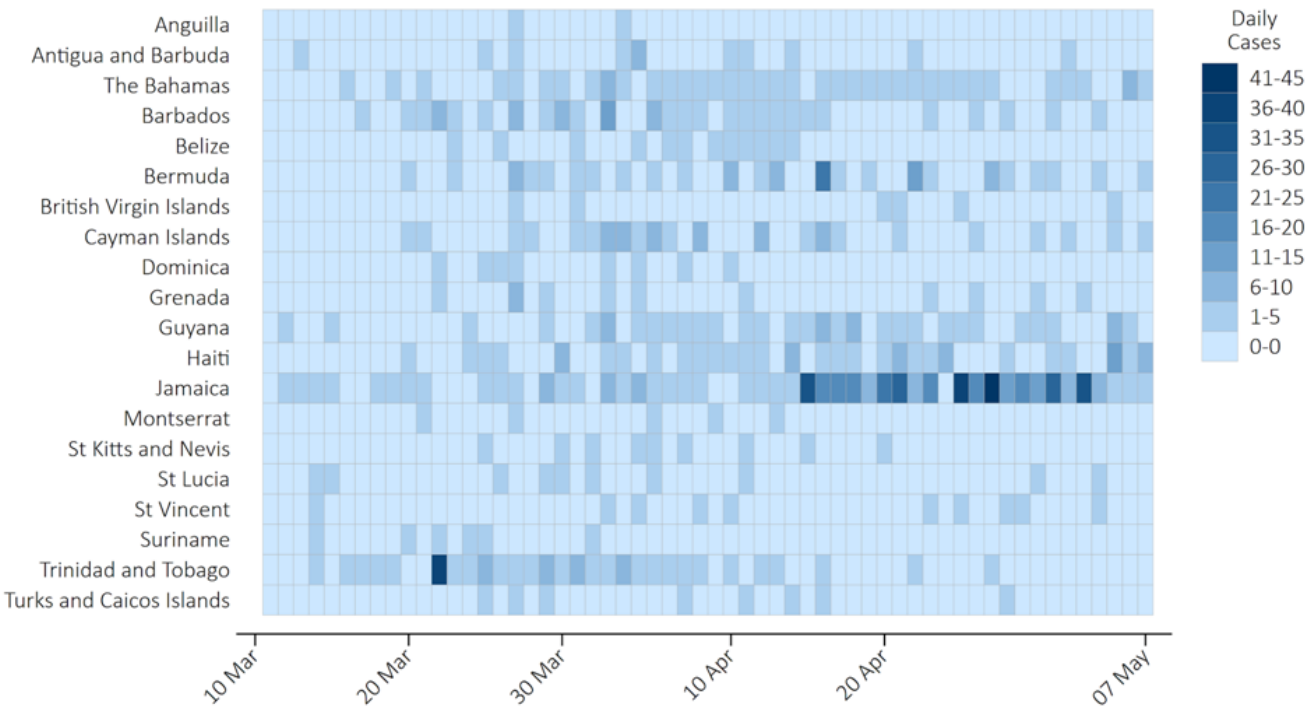


COVID-19 Heatmap: Cumulative Cases in 20 Caribbean Countries and Territories

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Aim of this briefing. We present the cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases (see note 1) among 20 Caribbean countries and territories (see note 2) since the start of the outbreak. We use heatmaps to visually summarise the situation as of 7 May 2020. The intention is to highlight outbreak hotspots.

Daily cases by 7 May 2020



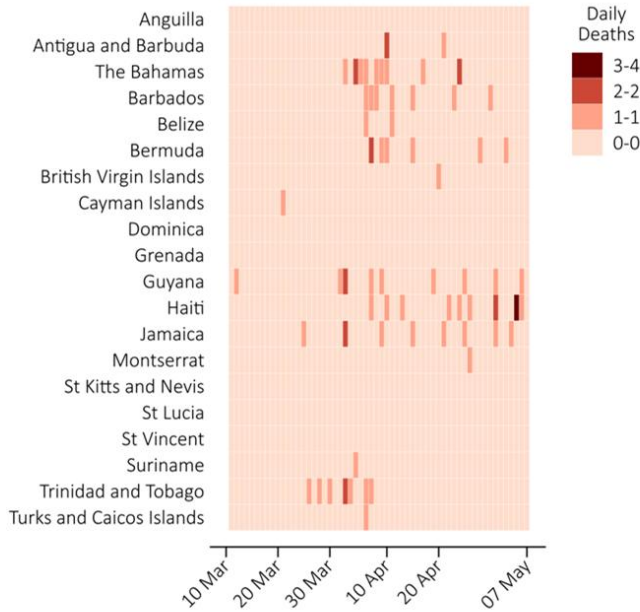


COVID-19 Heatmap: Deaths in 20 Caribbean Countries and Territories

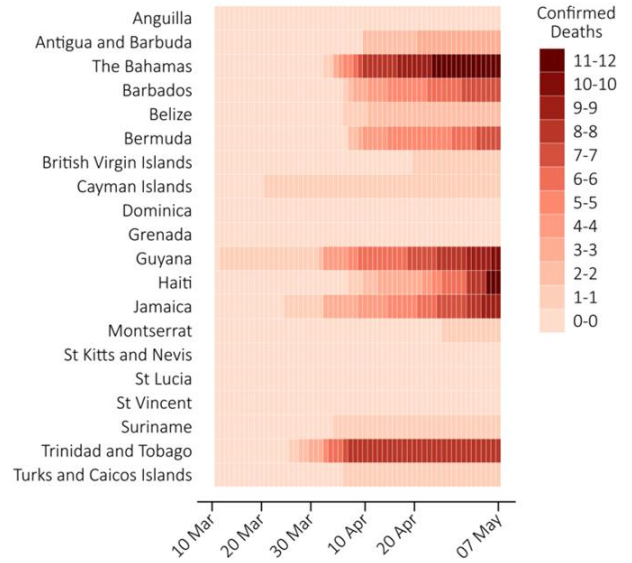
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Daily deaths by 7 May 2020



Cumulative deaths by 7 May 2020



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(NOTE 3) Growth Rate. The heatmap on page 2 presents the growth rate among confirmed cases. Growth rate is a relative rate. To calculate the growth rate we divide the total cases on each day by the total cases the previous day, then we take the logarithm of that value. The equation is therefore: $growth\ rate = \log(cases/cases\ on\ previous\ day)$. A value of 1 can be interpreted as a 1% daily growth in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases.



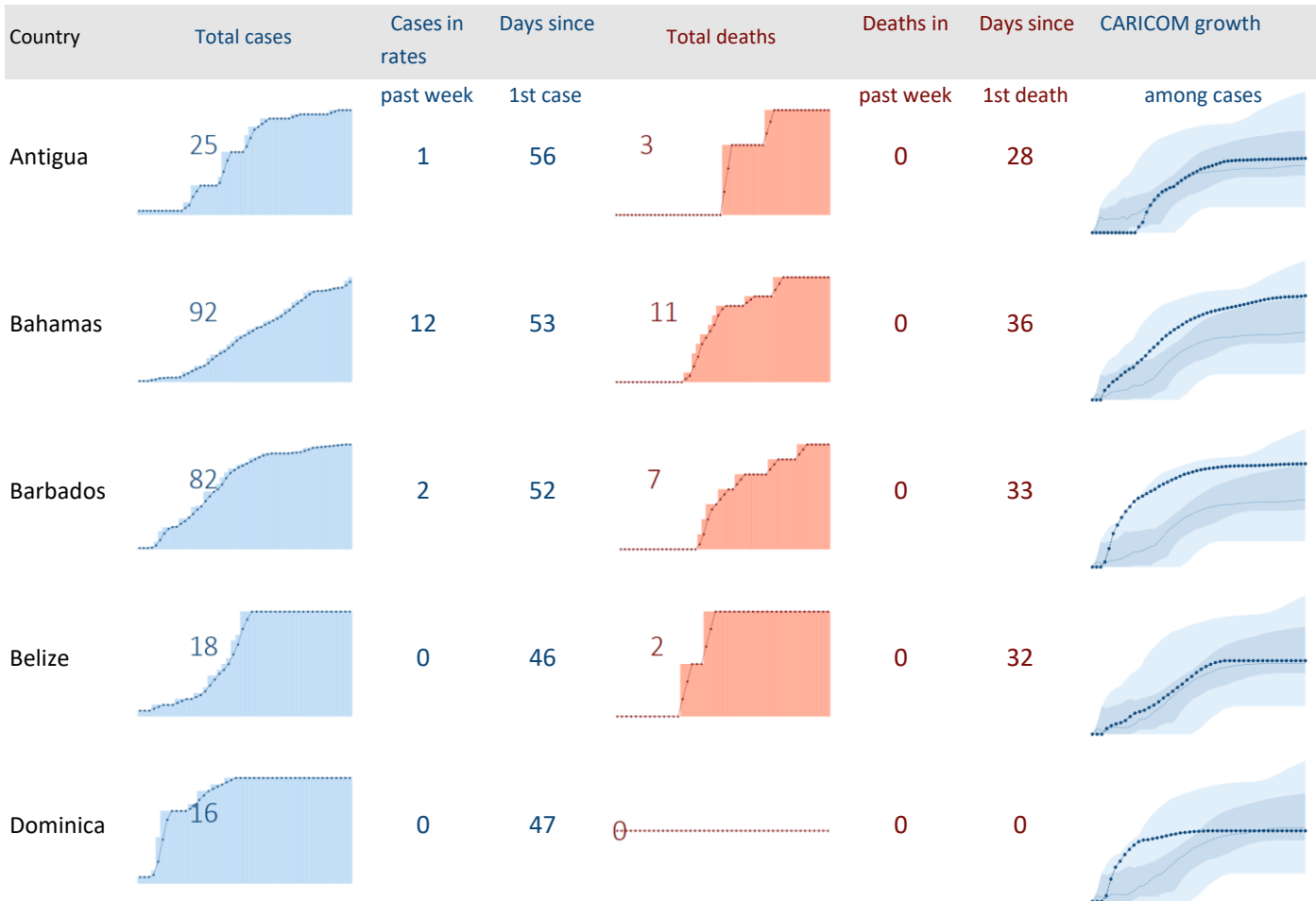
COVID-19 trajectories for 14 CARICOM countries

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Confirmed Events	Total	New (1 day)	New (1 week)	Date of 1st confirmed	Days since 1st confirmed
Cases	1109	15	147	11 March	58
Deaths	63	0	10	12 March	57

The Table below summarises the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak as of 7 May 2020. The first THREE columns **IN BLUE** summarise the number of cases. The next THREE columns **IN RED** summarise the number of deaths. The final column **IN BLUE** describes the growth rate of the outbreak in each country. The rate represents the rate in the country. The shaded region represents the range of rates in the remaining countries and territories (see note 3).



Country	Total cases	Cases in rates	Days since	Total deaths	Deaths in	Days since	CARICOM growth
		past week	1st case		past week	1st death	among cases
Grenada	21	1	47	0	0	0	
Guyana	93	15	57	10	2	57	
Haiti	108	32	49	12	6	31	
Jamaica	478	82	58	9	2	44	
St.Kitts	15	0	44	0	0	0	
St.Lucia	18	1	55	0	0	0	
St.Vincent	17	1	55	0	0	0	
Suriname	10	0	55	1	0	34	
Trinidad	116	0	55	8	0	43	



COVID-19 trajectories for 6 United Kingdom Overseas Territories (UKOTS)

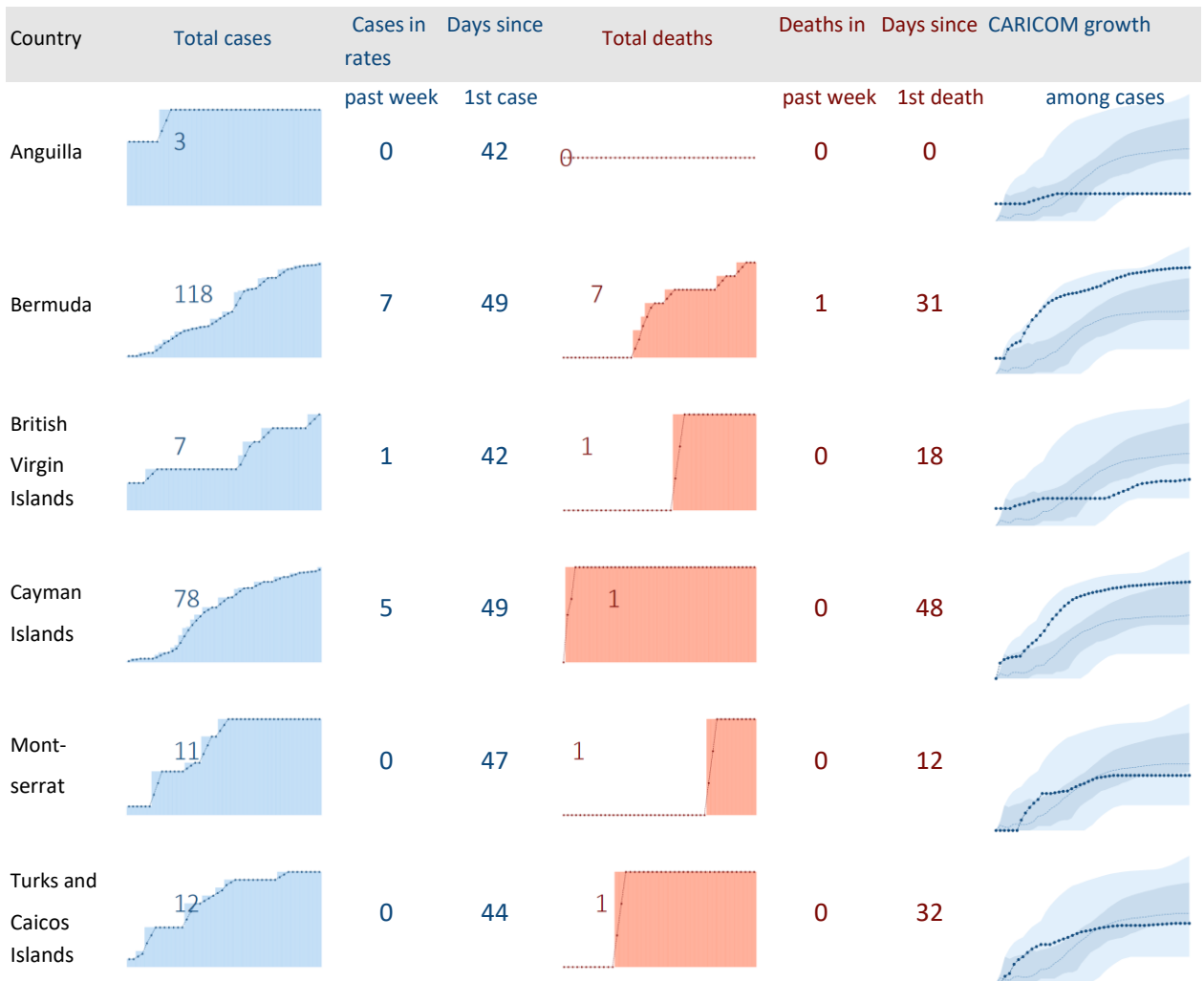
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Summary for six United Kingdom Overseas Territories (UKOTS)

Confirmed Events	Total	New (1 day)	New (1 week)	Date of 1st confirmed	Days since 1st confirmed
Cases	229	6	13	20 March	49
Deaths	11	0	1	21 March	48

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good for comparing progress against other countries. The shaded region behind the country growth curve is the range of outbreak growth for the *remaining countries* and territories. There are 14 CARICOM member states and 6 UKOTS included in this briefing, so this shaded region includes 19 countries. This range is represented by percentiles (darker blue region

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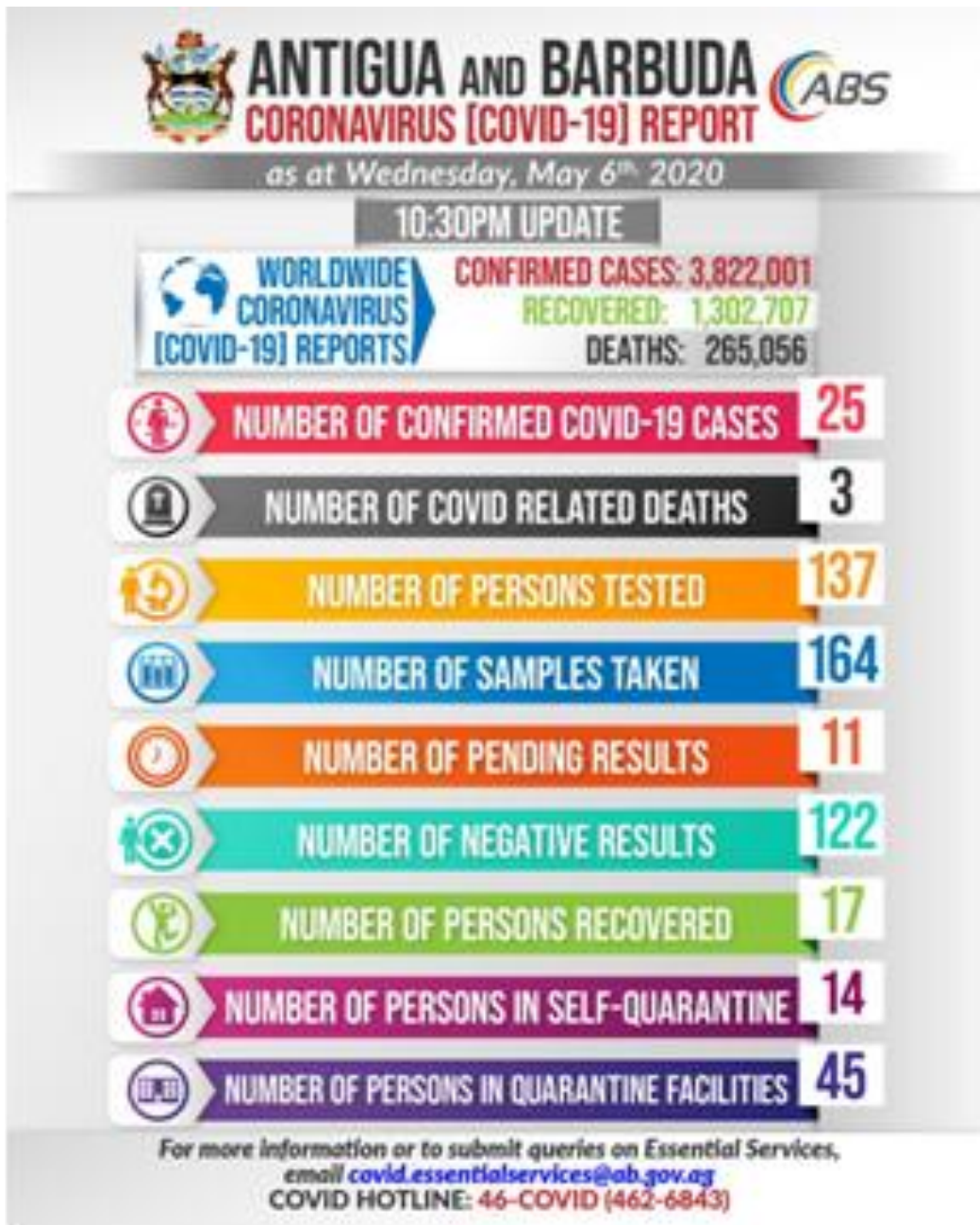
ANGUILLA – Department of Disaster Management (DDM)

- As at April 27, testing has now shown no active or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Anguilla. There have been no reported changes since this date
- The **Ministry of Health & Social Development** has set up a hotline at **1-264-476-7627 or 476-SOAP** for persons seeking general information about or feel they have been exposed to **COVID-19**. Another partner in the fight against **COVID-19** and other infectious diseases is the **Health Authority of Anguilla**, which can be reached at **1-264-497-2551**

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



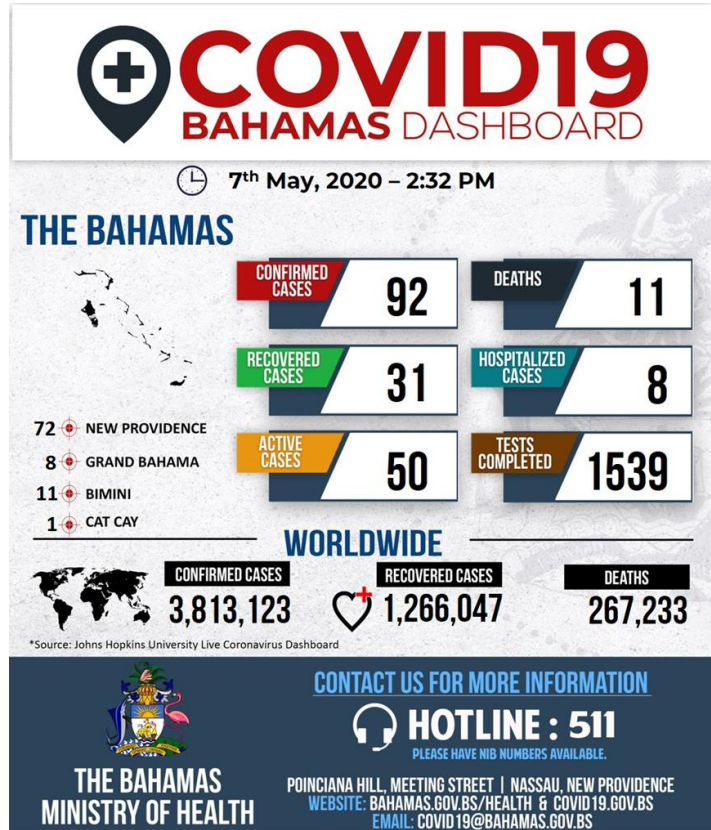
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THE BAHAMAS – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

In exercise of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, the following orders for every island and cay in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the following has been announced:

- The proclamation made on 17th March 2020 and the Emergency Orders have been extended until 30th May 2020
- The Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 made on the 17th day of March 2020 will continue until the 30th day of May 2020
- The Emergency Powers (COVID-19)(No. 2) Order, 2020 made on the 23rd day of March,2020 will continue until the 30th day of May, 2020
- The Emergency Powers (COVID-19)(Special Provisions) Order, 2020 made on the 30th day of March,2020 will continue until the 30th day of May, 2020
- Businesses that can demonstrate their existing capabilities to take orders by phone or online as well their capability to issue an acknowledgement of receipt will be allowed to reopen and offer curbside pickup and delivery services only from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The National Food Committee is making preparations to ensure fair and adequate food distribution for all Bahamians and residents and a National database that will allow any individual to register is in development.
- The Ministry of Education has launched its Virtual Learning channels. Students at all levels are asked to check Cable TV for schedules and the website: www.bahamasvirtualearning.com
- Phase one (1) B of the reopening of the economy will begin effective 4th May 2020



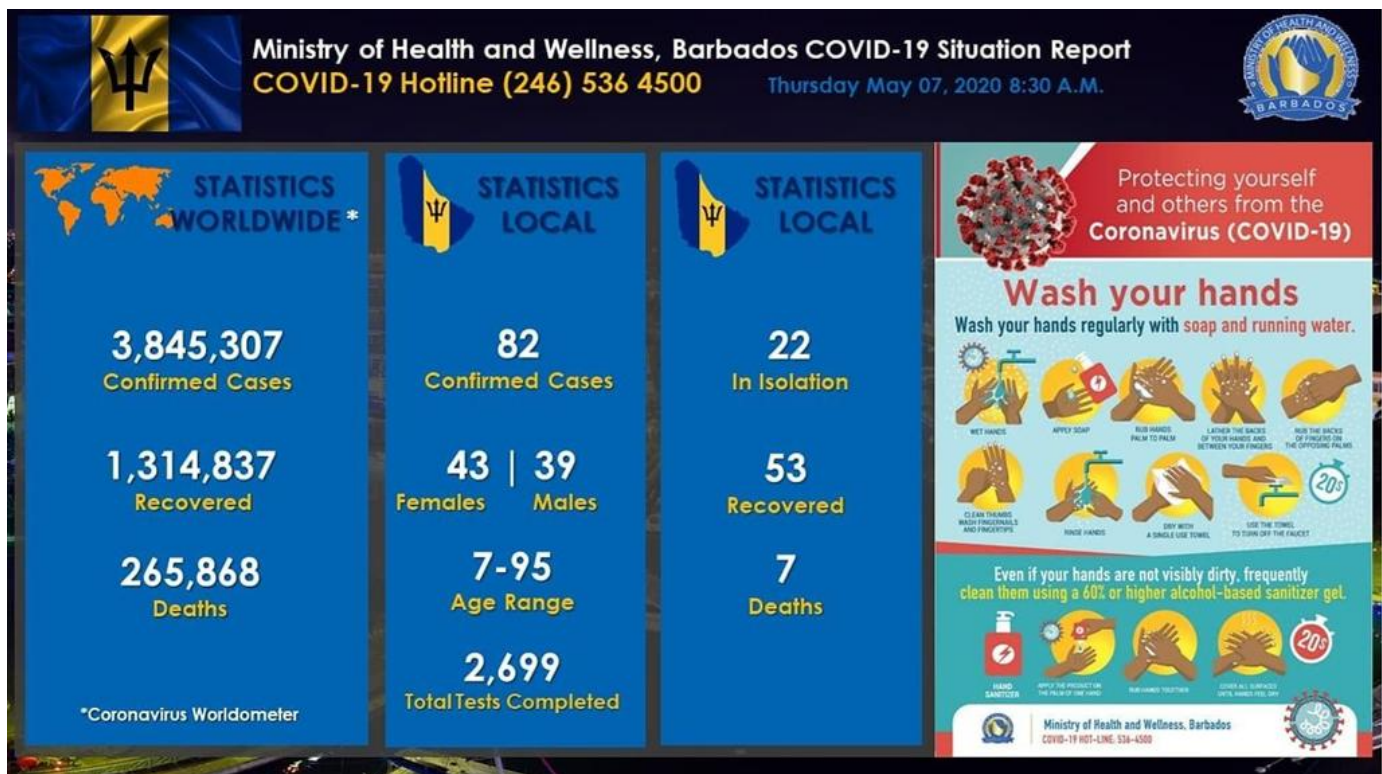
- The Ministry of Health will look at matters related to the Health Care workers to see what risks are involved and provide mitigation measures to prevent more of the Health Care workers from being impacted
- As at May 4, there are 68 cases in New Providence, 7 on Grand Bahama, 8 in Bimini and 1 in Cat Cay
- On the island of Bimini, 8 family members from a household of 11 have contracted the virus and 3 other persons are being tested
- A Rent Assistance Program has been developed and implemented for residents of The Bahamas for those whose employment or income has been impacted by COVID-19
- Designated days and hours of operation for essential services have been established

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BARBADOS – Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

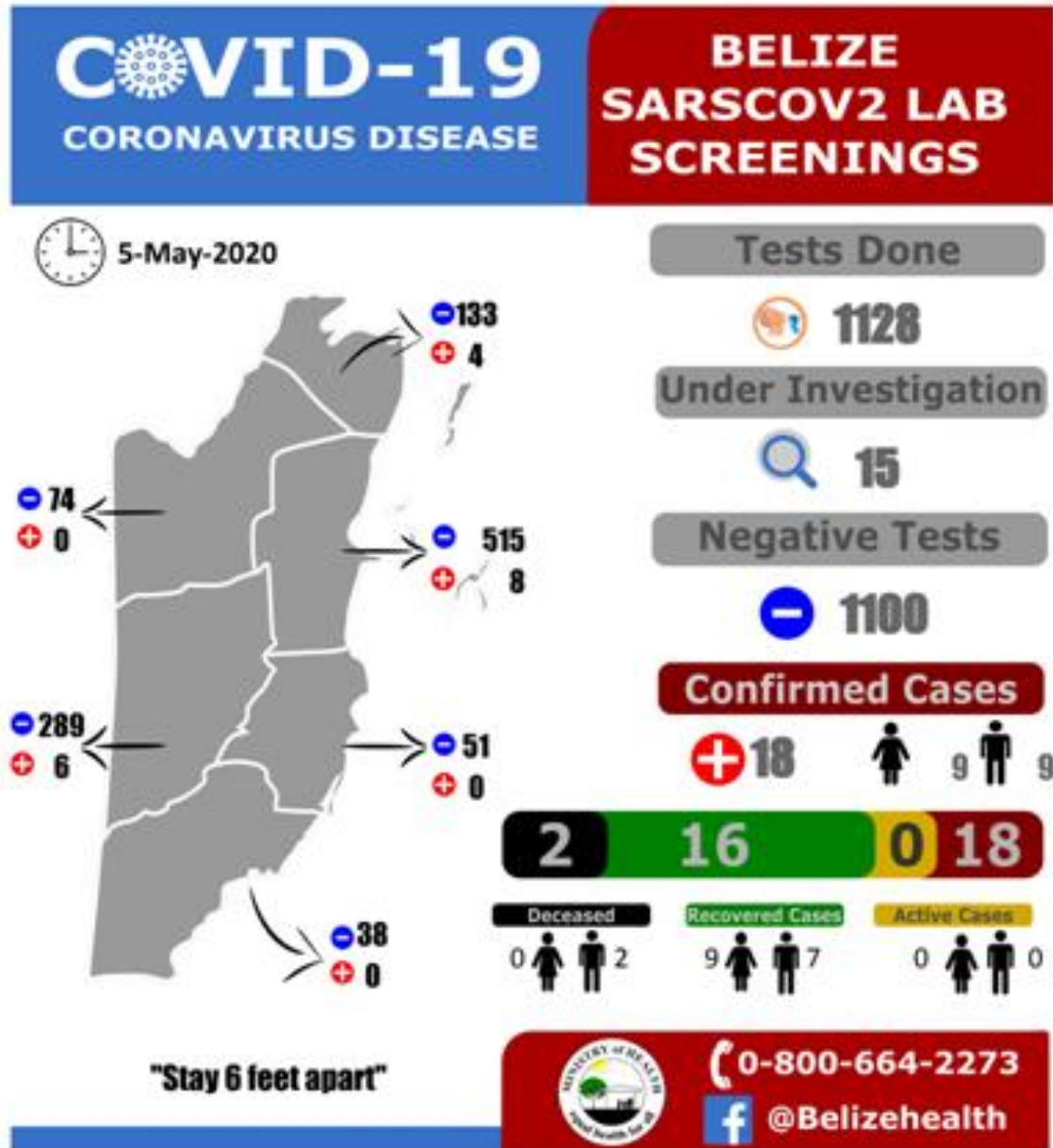
- The EOC is reviewing protocols for reopening the construction industry, food industry and domestic industry
- A total of 1,694 vulnerable families have each received \$600 under Government's Adopt A Family Programme - \$1,016,400 had been disbursed to date
- The Environmental Health Department, in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, has developed a framework geared towards ensuring the safe management of food service establishments (FSEs), during the COVID-19 crisis
- Owners and operators of public transportation are to adhere to the protocols for operation of such transportation, under the Emergency Management COVID-19 Order, 2020 Directive 4 Phase 2
- District Emergency Organizations (DEOs) will be mobilized over the next week to reach out to elderly citizens across Barbados, 70 years and over, to check on their health care status, and whether or not they have signs of COVID-19
- Phase 2 of the four-phased plan started from Monday, May 4. This includes the curfew period being between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.



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Belize – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

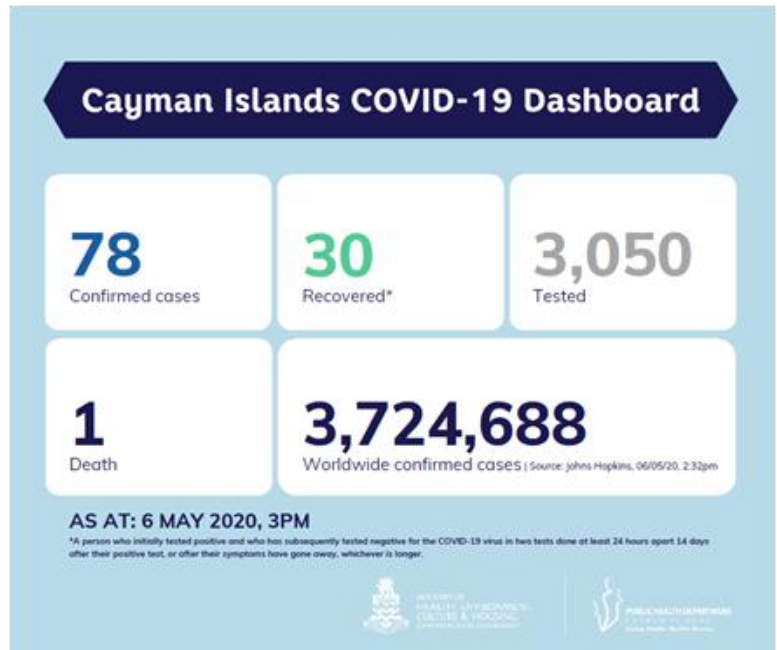


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CAYMAN ISLANDS – Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI)

- The curfew in Little Cayman was revoked, effective 5 May 2020, i.e. the hard curfew from 8 p.m. – 5 a.m. on Monday - Saturday and all day on Sunday will no longer apply in-keeping with the new Cabinet-promulgated regulations: Prevention, Control and Suppression of COVID-19 Regulations (2020) which will lift the most recent regulations from Little Cayman
- As at 1 May 2020, hours have been extended by an hour - from 6 am and 7 pm - for restaurant food delivery, food delivery by other businesses and grocery delivery services now extended up to 10 pm; supermarkets, convenience stores and minimarts, pharmacies, gas or refilling stations can open for one hour longer up to 7 pm
- As at 1 May 2020, the hours for retail banks, building societies and credit unions have been extended by three hours, now being allowed to open from 9 am to 4 pm
- Masks are mandated in enclosed, public places in Little Cayman
- Travel between the Islands is restricted to essential personnel, as designated by the competent authority. Additionally, other travellers to Little Cayman will need to quarantine for 14 days on Grand Cayman or Cayman Brac, be tested and return negative results before they will be allowed to enter Little Cayman. The borders are otherwise closed



As at 6 May 2020, the Chief Medical Officer reported:

- 298 negative results reported and no positives; 72 of these were from Doctors Hospital and 226 from the Health Services Authority (HSA)
- 96% of Little Cayman have returned negative results
- The total number of cases now stand at 78 positives: with 8 symptomatic; 37 asymptomatic; 2 admitted at Health City; and 30 recovered

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DOMINICA– Office of Disaster Management (ODM)



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19] REPORT

as at Sunday, May 3rd, 2020



WORLDWIDE
CORONAVIRUS
[COVID-19] REPORTS

CONFIRMED CASES: 3,559,475
RECOVERED: 1,152,914
DEATHS: 247,982



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GRENADA – National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA)

Source: Ministry of Health Grenada



COVID-19 (MAY 4- MAY 11)

SERVICES ARE PERMITTED TO OPERATE : MON, WED, FRI. MON (8AM - 5PM)
PLEASE CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDER FOR INDIVIDUAL OPERATING HOURS

- Accountants
- Bakeries
- Banks, Credit Unions, Building and Loan, Money Remittance
- Butchers
- Commercial ports (Not for residential barrels or pkgs)
- Eye care providers
- Farming and Fisheries
- Gas stations* (6am - 5pm)
- Hardware stores
- Home delivery service (groceries, restaurants and couriers)

- Inland Revenue
- Insurance companies
- Maintenance services/house repair
- Manufacturers
- Medical practitioners
- Pharmacies and drug stores
- Restaurants - take-away, drive-through and delivery only.
- Telecommunications retail outlets
- Veterinarians
- Wholesale or retail grocery stores and shops



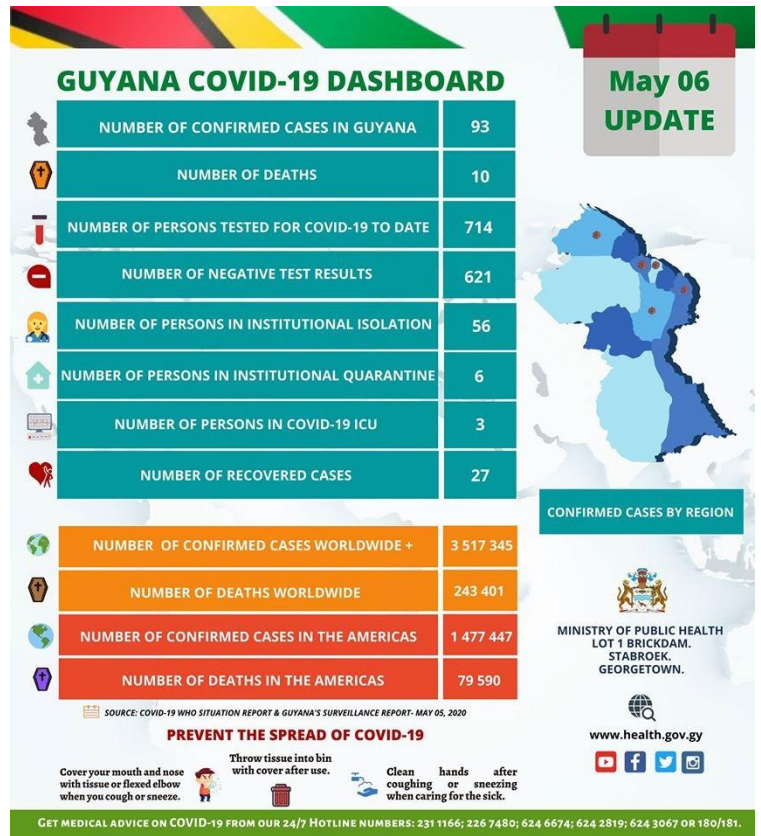
- The joint collaboration efforts of the Embassy of Grenada in Beijing and Grenada's representative in Miami along with CBI Agent in China contributed toward a large shipment of health supplies which arrived in Grenada on Wednesday May 6th. The shipment from China included 20,000 surgical masks, 50 goggles, 100 Personal Protective Equipment, 1,500 viral swabs and 10 ventilators
- The Government of Grenada developed the COVID-19 Response Support fund which gives Grenadians, friends of Grenada and organizations the opportunity to support and partner, through donations, in the fight against COVID-19 (visit: <https://covid19.gov.gd/DONATE>)
- The Government of Grenada announced that the curfew, which was due to end on Tuesday, May 5th, at 7:00 a.m., has now been extended to next Tuesday, May 12th, at 7:00 a.m. The designated business days for this week are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as consistent with the original schedule
- All beaches remain closed

Updates from CDEMA Participating States



GUYANA – Civil Defense Commission (CDC)

- The Region Ten Regional Health and Emergency Committee (RHEC) disclosed that the mining town of Linden was now battling with nine cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), six of which were recorded among the recent cases
- The Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation has established a COVID-19 Maternity Unit. This is a specified quarantine/isolation unit within the department to house pregnant women who are suspected to have COVID-19. Pregnant women who test positive for the coronavirus can have their deliveries in this unit as well
- The Ministry of Public Health, partnered with UNICEF to launch a digital platform to facilitate community engagement, to improve efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect children from its direct and knock-on consequences. These include food shortages, strained healthcare systems, violence and lost education
- The curfew has been extended from May 4 until June 3, 2020. The regulation requires citizens to remain indoors between 6:00 pm and 6:00am.



- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) activated level three emergency operations and support to the Guyana government in the fight against COVID-19, through the introduction of a Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) survey which will be made available to the Guyanese public from the first week in May

Updates from CDEMA Participating States

HAITI – The Civil Protection Directorate

- As at 6 May, 2020 twenty-one (21) new COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Haiti. One (1) additional person has recovered. In total there are:
 - 129 confirmed cases
 - 101 active cases
 - 16 recovered cases
 - 12 deaths



Updates from CDEMA Participating States



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



Ministry of Health and Wellness
Clinical Management Summary
as at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020

Total Samples Tested	6,417
Positive Results	488
Negative Results	5,887
Pending Results	42
Deceased	9
Recovered & Released	58
Confirmed & suspected patients Hospitalised	64
Patients Moderately Ill	5
Patients Critically Ill	0
Patients in Facility Isolation	226
Patients in Home Isolation	140
Patients in Transitional Facilities	17
Persons in Government Quarantine	155

- The communities of Dover, Enfield and Annotto Bay in St Mary are now under a 14-day quarantine from 7 - 21 May 2020. A total of 13 people have tested positive for COVID19 among the three communities
- The National curfew has been extended for a further 7 days commencing Wednesday, May 6 2020 at 6 pm and will end on Wednesday, May 13 2020 at 6 am
- The Ministry of Health and Wellness has so far spent \$2.5 billion, of an initial \$2.8 billion allocation from the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, on efforts to contain the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- The Sandals Foundation has donated \$500,000 to each of the 63 Members of Parliament (MPs) in the House of Representatives as a contribution to the coronavirus (COVID-19) effort and will be used for the provision of care packages to those in need in the constituencies
- The Government of Jamaica will absorb the entire cost of approximately \$64 million for the mandatory State quarantining of nationals returning to Jamaica on Wednesday (May 6) under the controlled re-entry programme

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MONTSERRAT – Disaster Management Coordination Agency (DMCA)

- There have been no new recorded case of COVID-19 on island since April 12. As at 6 May, 2020:
 - 6 persons have fully recovered
 - There are 3 active cases
 - 20 persons are in quarantine
 - Results from 1 sample are pending.
- An expanded isolation facility is near completion as work has been ongoing in retrofitting the downstairs of Margetson Memorial for this purpose.
- The Ministry of Health and Social Services is increasing the number of ventilators available to the medical staff, with an expected arrival of three others from the United Kingdom.
- The Ministry of Health and Social Services is also awaiting the arrival of its testing machine. There was a slight delay in the shipping but it is expected to be on island shortly.
- The Government has embarked on a phased reopening of some aspects of the economy, the Ministry of Health and Social Services will monitor the situation and the government will be guided accordingly.
- A new Order is in effect from May 7th at 12:00 a.m. to May 22nd at 12:00 a.m. Under the Order, provisions have been made for more businesses to operate within a set time frame.
- During the curfew period a person shall not be in a public place and shall remain at home, including weekends (Saturday and Sunday) except under specified conditions. Persons are allowed in a public place between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or a Friday for the following reasons:
 - To carry out functions as an essential service provider which includes, travelling to or from work.
 - To assist, transport or provide an ancillary service for an essential service provider.
 - To seek medical care.
 - To visit the doctor or pharmacy.
- The following businesses are not allowed to operate in view of social distancing restrictions under the new Order:
 - a bar or nightclub,
 - a restaurant, to include take-away or delivery service,
 - a barber shop, hair salon, spa or similar business,
 - a gym or other sports club.
- Businesses that are allowed to operate include, essential service providers, banks, money transfer businesses or insurance businesses, doctor's offices or pharmacies, and hardware stores among others.
- All schools remain closed.
- The details of the Order is available at: <http://www.gov.ms/news/>

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



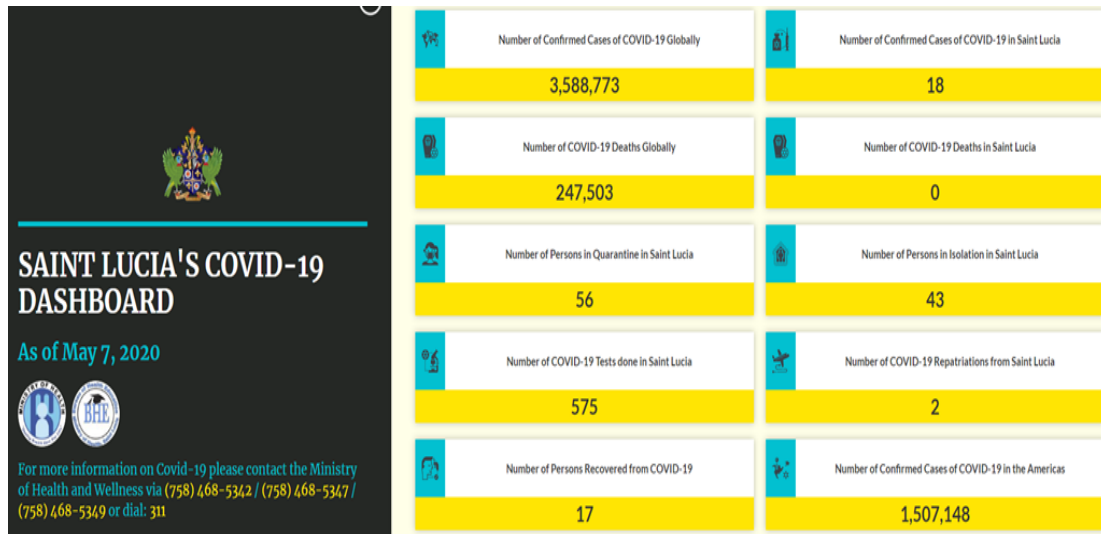
SOURCE: <https://www.who.int/COVID-19>

- Twelve of the 15 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in St. Kitts and Nevis have recovered
- The last announced confirmed positive result of the novel coronavirus in St Kitts and Nevis was April 19, 2020
- Active surveillance for coronavirus disease cases, and aggressive tracing of contacts of cases continues
- Daily NEOC COVID-19 briefings continue

Updates from CDEMA Participating States



SAINT LUCIA – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)



- As at 7 May, Saint Lucia has recorded a total of 18 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Two additional cases have recovered. There is one (1) active case currently in hospital care and the individual is recovering well.
- On Friday, May 8, 2020, the Department of Health and Wellness will receive 219 Saint Lucians who are cruise ship workers on the Carnival Glory and Caribbean Princess. Over the past month they have been desirous of returning home due to industry challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - These passengers will be received and placed into quarantine for a period of 14 days as per the country's established protocol.
 - All frontline personnel at Port Castries will facilitate arrivals wearing the necessary PPEs.
- As part of the national COVID-19 response, quarantine centres have been set up in Saint Lucia using various hotels to facilitate the large numbers of returning nationals through the repatriation process as well as any non-nationals that may arrive in country. Institutional quarantine remains the standard for Saint Lucia. However, in certain cases based on assessments home quarantine is facilitated
- Saint Lucia has received a donation of 50 test kits from Cayman Islands which gives them the capability to do an additional 5000 tests. The country's testing capacity has doubled as result- now at 13,000 tests which will enable mass testing
- Planning for the reopening of the country is ongoing. Reopening is planned to commence in early June
- The economy is slowly reopening. There is selected reopening of essential services, construction services, and hardware stores. Liquor licenses remain suspended
- Efforts to repatriate citizens located in Martinique continue
- Community testing has been ramped up and two hundred tests are expected to be carried out this week in suspected communities
- Planning for the 2020 hurricane season has commenced. Shelters are being assessed and meetings have been scheduled to address shelter management in light of COVID-19
- Online training for District Disaster Committees has been ongoing to strengthen reporting during emergencies

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



	❖ NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES	17
	❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS RECOVERED	9
	❖ NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES	8
	❖ NUMBER OF COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS	0
	❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS TESTED	137
	❖ NUMBER OF PENDING RESULTS	5
	❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS IN QUARANTINE	112

Four (4) of the pending results are repeat tests for medical clearance

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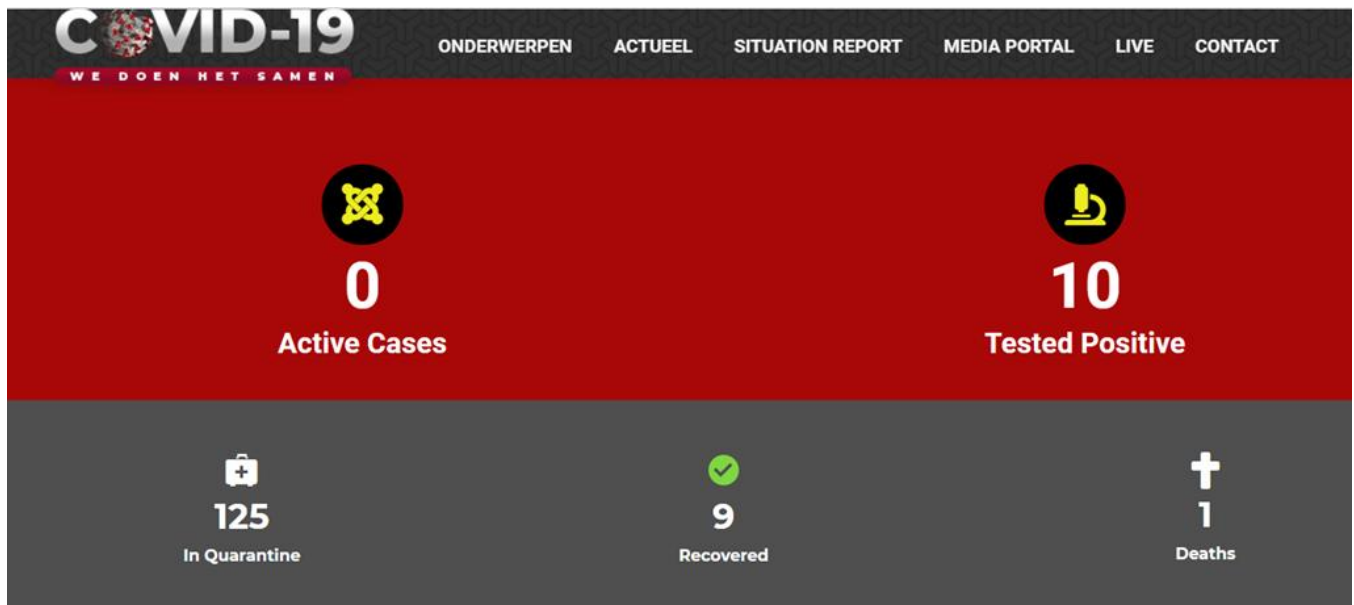
- Discussions are ongoing with respect to border protection, health care front line workers, schools, and travel
- The Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment continues to ensure the health and welfare of all Vincentians are safeguarded
- The isolation facility in Argyle is now completed
- Combating the spread of COVID-19 and containment of the virus is the priority
- Measures to determine what actions should be taken during the COVID-19 pandemic were based on six main guidelines as follows:
 - The COVID-19 situation should be controlled
 - Sufficient capacity is in place
 - Standard outbreaks are minimum
 - Preventative measures are put in place
 - Manage the risks of importation
 - Communities are fully engaged

Updates from CDEMA Participating States



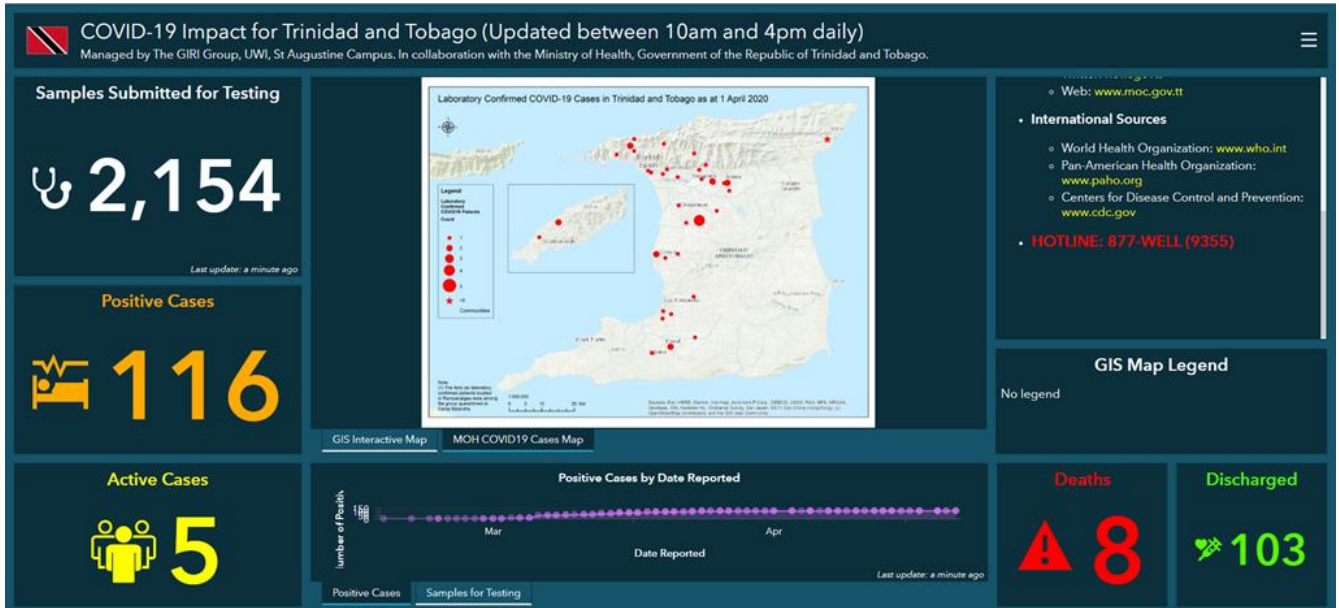
SURINAME - National Coordination Center For Disaster Relief (NCCR)

- Surinamese stranded in the Netherlands returned to Suriname May 7th with due observance of COVID-19 safety rules.
- Flights with residents of Brazil departed from Suriname for Belém 7 May, 2020. Additionally, persons stranded in Brazil returned to Suriname with the same plane. As with previous repatriation flights, doctors also travel with them to monitor patients before and during the flight
- The next repatriation flight from the Netherlands to Suriname will be on Friday, 8 May and will include persons who should have returned to Suriname on 14, 15, 16 and 17 March 2020. The flight will include women and children, persons who are under medical treatment or need medication, senior citizens, persons in strategic professions and officials in government service
- Talks continue with airlines with respect to organising further repatriation flights for individuals stranded in other parts of the world where it is difficult to connect with Suriname. The number of quarantine sites available to the government is also being taken into account



Updates from CDEMA Participating States

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



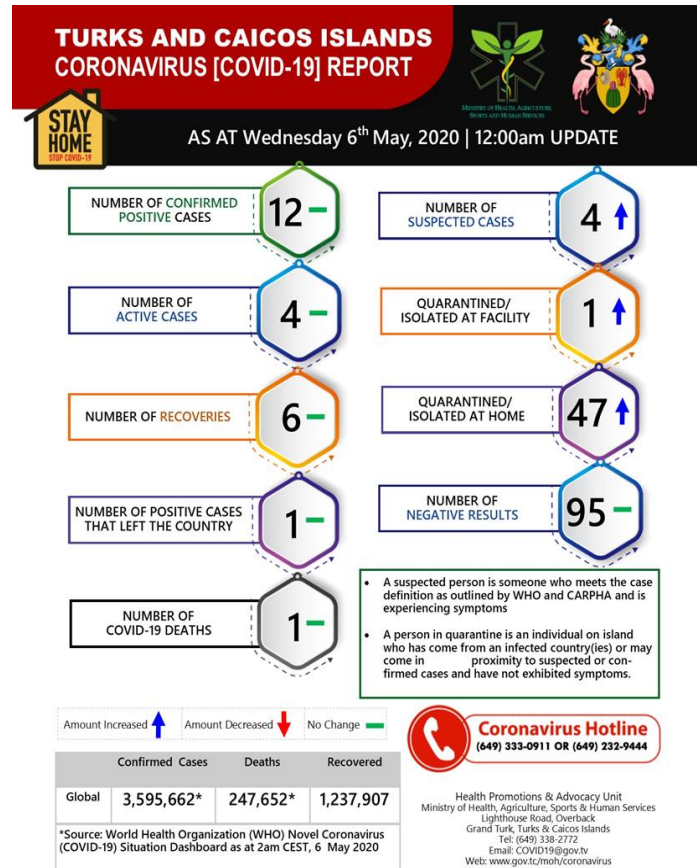
- 524 community tests have been administered and all returned negative results
- A new website, <https://www.covid19.gov.tt>, has been launched for all official COVID-19 news, releases, updates, public health notices, public health guidelines etc.
- More than 92,000 individuals and families have benefited from the Government's social protection measures thus far. These measure include, but are not limited to: food support, income support measures to address economic insecurity in vulnerable households and rental assistance
- From May 1 2020, over a period of 3 months, 30,000 local food baskets will be distributed across the country. In addition to local produce, sourced from farmers across the country, each recipient will receive a \$250.00 supermarket voucher. This TT\$15,000,000.00 initiative is led by the Ministry of Agriculture Land and Fisheries and the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
- Providing mental health support for the population is a priority. Upcoming mental health initiatives by the Health Ministry include:
 - Training for Ministry of Health COVID-19 Helpline Responders so they can better help distressed callers.
 - Private sector sponsored Employee Assistance Programme services to Ministry of Health employees.
 - Webinars targeting specific groups to provide support and build resilience.
- Intra-island travel is still permitted between Trinidad and Tobago and is monitored
- The 33 Trinidad and Tobago nationals who returned from Barbados were discharged 6 May after spending 14 days in quarantine
- A Hurricane Response/COVID-19 2020 Revised Plan among other plans are under development
- ODPM continues to convene meetings with stakeholders and the Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) as part of preparations for the upcoming hurricane season. The next joint stakeholder meeting and tabletop exercise is scheduled for 8 May, 2020

Updates from CDEMA Participating States



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

- The number of confirmed positive cases remain at 12
- The number of suspected cases of COVID-19 has increased to four (4). The suspected cases are TCI residents experiencing relevant symptoms without a history of contact with confirmed cases. Samples have been collected and sent for testing. One suspected case is currently hospitalized. Contact tracing for all cases are underway
- The increase in quarantine/observation numbers is primarily a result of the new suspected case and their contacts being added to quarantine/observation status
- The Emergency Powers (COVID-19)(No. 4) Regulations 2020 came into operation at 6:01 a.m. on 4 May 2020 and shall, except for regulation 8(3) [concerning cruise ports], expire at 6:00 a.m. on 1 June 2020. It may be accessed at: <https://www.gov.tc/moh/coronavirus/regulations>
- All airports remain closed to regional and international flights, whether commercial or private
- Flights will be reopened for local travel from 1 June and will reopen to international flights 1 July, subject to guidance from the CDC
- Inter-island travel within the TCI has been restricted
- All sea ports remain closed to regional and international seafaring
- Cruise ports remain closed until 30th June 2020 and no cruise ship shall be permitted to enter the Islands until after 30th June 2020, subject to guidance from the CDC and the cruise industry
- All educational places of instruction remain closed
- The 24 hour curfew has been discontinued however a curfew is imposed from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. every night which started 4th May 2020 and will end at 5:00 a.m. on 25th May 2020
- Subject to curfew regulations and prescribed conditions, all public beaches reopened from 4th May 2020



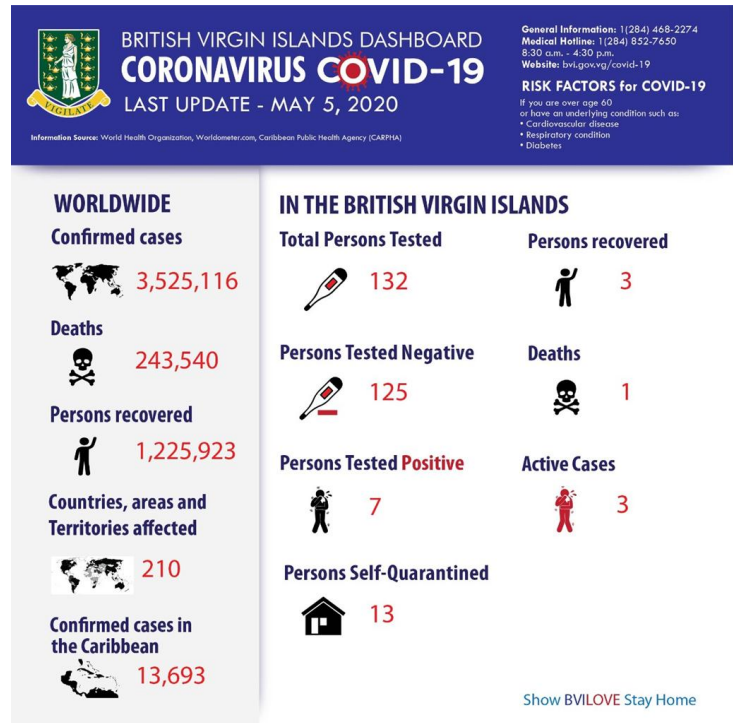
- Select businesses have opened from 4th May 2020 within the specified times including water, electricity, telecommunications (including internet services) or other sectors encompassing the provision of electronic communications including print and electronic media
- Other select businesses to open from 11th May 2020 for any period within the specified time including construction companies and restaurants for take away only 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Employees must be allowed to work remotely from home utilising virtual means. Exemptions apply
- Wearing a mask is mandatory when in a public space.
- TCI will be receiving ventilators and testing kits from the UK

Updates from CDEMA Participating States



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

- On May 4 Cabinet made the decision that the next phase of internal reopening for the economy would start on Sunday, May 10 (for 14 days) where a Curfew would be imposed from the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily
- Based on the WHO's 16 March Interim Guidelines, the British Virgin Islands has been classified as having Sporadic Cases of COVID-19 transmission by the Ministry of Health and Social Development
- The Civil Registry and Passport Office is now open for business and offering services online and by appointment. Services being offered include registration of births, deaths and marriages; visa and passport services; naturalization and belonger processing
- Compliance Teams and the Social Distancing Task Force continue to inspect and certify private businesses, establishments and the public service to ensure social distancing and sanitation protocols are met prior to re-opening. To date, 431 businesses and establishments have been inspected



Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Actions

REGIONAL LEVEL ENGAGEMENTS & COORDINATION

1. CDEMA continues to lead the multi sectoral coordination in support of the CARICOM technical lead for health, CARPHA.
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 are available via the CDEMA website .
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.

Actions by other Regional and International Organisations

DFID: Announced £5m in new support today - this includes £3m to the Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO) for the provision of essential medical supplies and management support to help public health systems around the region combat the virus and £2m to scale up assistance for the most vulnerable households, and to help counter domestic violence against women and children

- Support to the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Regional Response Mechanism (RRM). This includes COVID-19 modelling and surveillance products (£7.2k) for participating states being developed by University of the West Indies, through the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre
- The UK is also taking urgent and essential global action and pledged £744m (~\$933m) to combat COVID-19 and to reinforce the global effort to find a vaccine. It includes support for R&D and to WHO, UN agencies, NGOs and the Red Cross. The UK aid funding is split across:
 - Investment of over £318m in research and development to support the development of a possible vaccine, as well as more immediate gains such as rapid diagnostics and therapeutics
 - Up to £150m to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust, to help enable developing countries to direct greater resources to their healthcare efforts, helping prevent the virus from spreading around the world
 - £276m has been provided to support the global health response & vulnerable countries. This includes support to UK charities and international organisations to help reduce mass infections in developing countries

CARDI: Contributed to the development of the CARICOM COVID-19 Agri-Food Action Plan

- Contributed to the development of national action plans (Agricultural sector)
- Ramped up the production of planting material for a variety of crops including certain forages, grain legumes, corn, coconut, cassava, pumpkin, hot pepper and sweet potato. These would be made available to commercial producers and home gardeners
- CARDI has capacity in some member states to contribute to national drives to increase production to meet the shortfall of fresh produce and this system will also be put in motion in the event of a Hurricane
- Leveraging partnerships with Tissue Culture Labs in Jamaica and St Vincent and the Grenadines in particular to collect and conserve both seed and vegetative planting material for crops of priority importance to the Region. From these collections quality planting material will be supplied to farmers to restart production after the event
- As part of the Institute's resilience strategy, CARDI will continue to evaluate, train and sensitize stakeholders on modern agricultural practices and planning and preparedness on farm. CARDI is exploring the use of doing this remotely using zoom, webinars etc. Some hydroponics, vertical farming, shade houses and container systems can be more productive and offer greater resilience over traditional systems and these will be promoted where applicable
- Continues to evaluate and identify resilient high yielding varieties for commercially important crops
- Developing an inventory of dry and cold storage facilities in the country
- Monitoring trade and market prices for critical commodities, input supplies, commodities of importance which will help to craft appropriate responses
- CARDI Scientists are on standby to be a part of the CDEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Teams if needed to assist with dealing with agri-sector issues

Actions by other Regional and International Organisations (cont'd)

UNFPA: Developed and disseminated shelter guidelines on how to manage COVID-19

- Provision of support in the areas of continuity of sexual reproductive health services and commodities for the population, gender-based violence and disseminating information and engaging in communications surrounding COVID-19
- In partnership with the Caribbean Regional Midwives Association to ensure safe maternal and neonatal health care
- In partnership with the Caribbean Family Planning Associations across countries including Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean to reorganize their service delivery model and to expand telemedicine and counseling services
- Provision of support the OECS Commission and its six member states to assess risk of stockout of sexual health reproductive commodities and to ensure these commodities remain accessible
- In the humanitarian context, UNFPA has been supporting the countries to adapt and strengthen the referral pathways for continued access to multi-sectoral services (health, social, justice and police). This is also in preparation of the hurricane season
- Launched a #youthagainstcovid-19 campaign featuring videos from the youth across the Caribbean focusing on various aspects of COVID-19
- Developed and disseminated technical guidance and communications on COVID-19 and sexual and reproductive health gender-based violence. This was widely disseminated across Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean
- Partnered with the Barbados Council for the Disabled to ensure that they are not left behind in communications related to COVID-19 and ensured that communications are tailored to the particular media to facilitate clear understanding of COVID-19 messages
- Mentioned the MOU with CDEMA for hurricane season preparedness and response which includes key interventions: collation and access to pre-impact population datasets, capacity building activities for CARICOM first responders and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in emergency contexts
- Work on the on the census is ongoing
- Over 1000 GBV kits already prepositioned in Antigua and Barbuda and 215 in Barbados to be distributed to vulnerable families and women and girls affected during emergency situations

Global Affairs Canada (GAC): Community Fund available where countries can access money for initiatives to support early recovery

- The World Bank Initiative and the Canada Caribbean Resilience Facility are up and running with responsive elements. Specific technical assistance can also be provided during the recovery phase
- Humanitarian Assistance opportunities exist through the headquarters

Regional Security System (RSS): Has undertaken thirty-seven (37) flights in support of COVID-19 efforts in the region and will continue to provide support

World Food Programme (WFP): The first three country reports from the COVID-19 Food Security & Livelihoods Impact Survey have been completed. The [regional summary report](#) can be viewed by clicking the link and the country level reports for [Dominica](#), [Belize](#) and [Trinidad & Tobago](#) can be viewed by clicking on the country link.