SITUATION

According to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Situation Report No. 29 (issued on March 31, 2020), up to 32 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 and prevent the spread of the virus. 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.

At the time of publishing, there were 1926 cases in 32 countries/territories (including 23 CARPHA Member States), in the Caribbean Region. The Regional Coordinating Mechanism for Health Security (RCM-HS), is actively working with Heads of Government and regional partners on a collective approach to the COVID-19 response. A virtual meeting of the RCM-HS was convened on 24 March 2020. Countries are strongly urged to strengthen their health sector response and move to a state of readiness and rapid response.

As at April 2nd 2020, WHO reported 900, 306 confirmed cases of patients with COVID-19 with the total number deaths soaring to 45, 693 globally.
Updates from CDEMA Participating States

ANGUILLA – Department of Disaster Management (DDM)

- To date, Anguilla has confirmed three (3) cases of the COVID-19 virus. The Ministry of Health is currently awaiting 1 pending result from a sample sent on Wednesday 1st April

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

- Nine (9) confirmed cases of COVID-19, as at April 2, 2020
- Twenty-four-hour curfew implemented to run for one week until April 9 at midnight. Arrangements in place for purchasing food and emergency supplies from 7am to midday and for persons seeking medical attention. Only essential workers and other authorized persons are allowed on the streets
- Social distancing policy remains in place – funerals restricted to the cemetery and only ten mourners are allowed. No weddings, church services or social gathering
- National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) activated
- Closure of airport to all incoming international commercial flights emanating from North America and Europe. Sea Port remains open for cargo
- All schools remain closed until advised by the Ministry of Education
- Cuban Medical Team arrived in Antigua on the 26th of March
- Mount St. John’s Medical Centre operate under new restrictions
- Hotline established, manned by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Hotline number is 46COVID (462-6849)
EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID 19)(NO.2) ORDER, 2020 came into force at 9:00 a.m. on the 24th day of March, 2020 and was initially set to expire at 9:00 a.m. on the 31st day of March, 2020 has now been extended to the 8th day of April 2020.

• According to the emergency powers regulations, the following requirements have been suspended from 17th March, 2020 for the duration of the enactment of the State of Emergency:
  - The obligation to file documents, pay a fee to or renew any license, visa or permit issued by any government entity. This does not include Child support and maintained and any other civil payment ordered to be paid into court
  - The Register of Beneficial Ownership Act. This will remain suspended for an additional sixty (60) days thereafter.
  - Payment of any fees and the filing of any declaration or document in accordance with the Companies Act will remain suspended for an additional fourteen (14) days after the state of public emergency.
  - The suspension of the Common Seal of Company will also be extended for an additional fourteen days after the state of public emergency.
  - Payment of any insurance premium under any type of policy of insurance is for an additional sixty (60) days after the state of public emergency.
  - All public parks are now closed.
  - Laundromats and Wash Houses
  - The Department of Rad Traffic
  - General insurance companies
  - Pharmacies
Updates from CDEMA Participating States

BARBADOS – Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

• Forty-six (46) confirmed cases of COVID-19 as at April 2, 2020
• A Public Health Emergency was declared on March 27th
• The 8 PM – 6 AM curfew in effect from Saturday 28 March 2020 until Tuesday 14 April 2020, has been extended to a 24 hour curfew, effective Friday April 3, 2020, with exceptions made only for essential services workers and persons seeking medical attention
• All supermarkets and mini marts will now be closed as at Friday April 3, 2020 until further notice
• Only village shops will be allowed to conduct business, with three persons allowed to congregate at any given time
• The sale of alcohol has been banned
• Restaurants will remain closed until April 14, 2020 at midnight
• Schools remain closed
• Borders remain open
• All persons arriving from US and the UK will be under quarantine for 14 days
• Auto-marts will remain open solely for the sale of pre-paid cellular phone “top-ups”
• Gas stations will remain opened for use by essential services
• Bakeries and bread shops will also remain open
• All government departments will remain closed unless otherwise specified by the Head of the Civil Service
Updates from CDEMA Participating States

CAYMAN ISLANDS – Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI)

Cayman Islands COVID-19 Dashboard

**Results**

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**1 Deaths**

**265 Total number of samples tested**

**Worldwide confirmed cases**

1,002,259

Source: John Hopkins, 02/04/20, 2:24pm

AS AT: 2 APRIL 2020, 4PM

*All inconclusive results and positive results will be sent for cross checking to our reference laboratory, CARPHA, along with 10% of our negative cases.*
Updates from CDEMA Participating States

DOMINICA—Office of Disaster Management (ODM)

- Twelve (12) cases of COVID-19 confirmed as at April 1st, 2020
- One hundred and eighty-five (185) samples have been tested
- Thirty-two (32) persons are in quarantine and nine (9) in isolation
- The Douglas Charles Airport was closed from March 26, 2020 at 12:00 am, however the facility will remain open for medical emergencies and to receive medical supplies and medical personnel

GRENADA—National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA)

- Ten (10) cases of COVID-19 confirmed as at April 1st, 2020
- Grenada declared a limited state of emergency for 21 days effective 6pm Thursday March 25, 2020
- As at April 1st 2020, Grenada added drone surveillance to its law enforcement capabilities to ensure adherence to the curfew
- Tomorrow Friday 3rd April 2020 will be a limited shopping day
- ONLY grocery shops and supermarkets will open from 8am to 12 noon. However, The Royal Grenada Police Force advises that the major supermarkets namely; Foodland, Food Fair, Real Value and CK’s Super Value remain closed
- Only one (1) person per household allowed to visit supermarkets
- Suppliers of Cooking Gas and other wholesale distributors will be doing deliveries
- Businesses are reminded that NO ALCOHOL should be sold and persons are NOT to consume alcohol in public
- In order to maintain the Social Distancing Protocol, management of shops and supermarkets are reminded to mark the 6 feet points on the outside and at the Cashiers areas, to guide customers
- Deco Service Center St. George’s and R&R Service Station at Grand Bras, St. Andrew’s are allowed to be open to facilitate refueling vehicles of essential workers, NOT THE GENERAL PUBIC
- Persons are reminded that curfew is still in effect and as a result one must move purposefully to and from shopping
- The General Public can report persons in violation of the regulations by calling 440-3999 or 911.
Updates from CDEMA Participating States

GUYANA – Civil Defense Commission (CDC)

- Nineteen (19) confirmed cases of COVID-19
- Seventy (70) samples have been tested
- Thirty-six persons are in quarantine
- Schools closed until Easter Holiday; examinations are postponed however, online resources being provided for those preparing for exams.
- The Health EOC remains activated
- Cabinet convened and ordered the establishment of the Guyana COVID-19 Task Force. The Task Force would address three issues- 1) Ministerial focus on sectoral issues , 2) State agencies that focus on the EOC that will address key issues such as resource mobilisation, and finance and 3) Health Ministry- to coordinate the COVID-19 response
- The Civil Defence Commission has embedded staff in the Task Force to address key matters on a daily basis
- Three (3) established quarantine facilities in addition to the isolation unit at Georgetown Public Hospital
- The Civil Defence Commission is examining legislative instruments; the draft National Response Plan is being worked on.
- Public education is being addressed with messages being translated into local dialect
- Multi partner coordination is underway including with UNICEF, PAHO, and Rotary
- Childcare matters were being discussed, especially for those persons who work in the essential services

HAITI – The Civil Protection Directorate

- The Ministry of Public Health confirms there are 16 cases COVID-19, in country, according to the latest National Laboratory test results as at March 31, 2020
Updates from CDEMA Participating States

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

- Jamaica to date (April 2, 2020) has tested 476 samples, including those tested for Severe Acute Respiratory Infections. Of the 476 samples, 47 samples are positive for Covid19, 3 tests are pending and 426 samples are negative for Covid19

MONTSERRAT – Disaster Management Coordination Agency (DMCA)

- Five (5) confirmed cases as at April 1, 2020
- As part of the Government of Montserrat's efforts to stop the spread of new coronavirus cases on Monserrat; a 24-hour curfew was imposed from Saturday, March 28, to Tuesday, April 14, 2020
- The country is expecting a shipment of medical supplies consisting of Personal Protective Equipment and testing kits
- Thirty-two health professionals from Cuba are scheduled to arrive in Montserrat to provide assistance
- Residents experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19 are urged to contact the St. Peter’s Clinic on 491-5436 or 496-9724 for medical attention.
Updates from CDEMA Participating States

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

- Nine (9) confirmed cases as at April 2, 2020
- One hundred and two (102) samples tested as at April 1, 2020
- Thirty-four (34) persons in Government quarantine
- Three hundred and fourteen (314) persons in home quarantine
- Eight (8) persons in isolation
- Plans are being put in place to fully execute the National Pandemic Virus Plan that has been approved in response of COVID-19
- Closure of all non-essential services
- Schools closed as of 26 March 2020
- Airport closed as of 25 March 2020 with access only open to cargo planes and vessels
- All Ports/borders closed as of 11:59 pm 25 March 2020 except for sea ports which remain open to receive cargo

SAINT LUCIA – National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)

- As of 1st April 2020, there are thirteen (13) confirmed cases of COVID-19


- Two (2) confirmed cases of COVID-19
- To date 31 persons have been tested for COVID-19, results for 30 persons have been received, with one positive result
- 110 in quarantine inclusive of returning students and their families
- Received shipment of PPE from PAHO on 30 March 2020, which includes gowns, N95 masks, goggles, and others. This is the 2nd shipment in 2 weeks from PAHO.
- 11 samples were sent for testing at CARPHA on 31 March 2020
- Public education campaigns and public awareness continue on social distancing
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO – Office of Disaster Preparedness & Management (ODPM)

- Ninety (90) confirmed cases of COVID 19 as of 1st April 2020
- Five (5) deaths reported as of 1st April 2020
- The Ministry of Health reported 595 samples submitted to CARPHA for testing
- Restrictions have been placed on persons from 23:59hrs on Sunday 29th March 2020, except those agencies listed on the public health Ordinance
- All public transportation has been reduced by 50%
- The Trinidad and Tobago Cyber Security Incident Response Team Work From Home Cyber Safety Guidelines was disseminated. It was noted from a cyber security webinar that phishing emails have been using COVID-19 in subject lines and content to catch unaware persons.
- The telecoms service provider – TSTT – has announced a doubling of corporate mobile data packages for the month of April.
- Since persons are still not compliant to the restrictions of public gathering, the number of persons allowed to gather have been reduced to 5 persons.
- The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) have noted that they may have to close banks, supermarkets and markets if they do not comply with social distancing outside premises.
- There are 75 cases at Couva hospital, with 2 in ICU; 2 cases at Scarborough; 5 cases at Caura facility; and 22 cases at Balandra.
- GIS personnel in the MOH have undertaken a spot mapping exercise to illustrate the geographic location of cases in country.
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS – Department of Disaster Management & Emergencies (DDME)

- NEOC is partially activated with the Ministry of Health leading operations.
- A 24-hr curfew is now in place, which is from 5 AM Saturday 28 March 2020 until mid night on Tuesday 14 April 2020
- All restaurants are now closed
- Supermarkets will be open from 7am – 6pm during the 24-hr curfew

TCI COVID-19 UPDATE
as at Thursday, 2 April, 2020

- Number of confirmed cases worldwide: 896,450
- Number of deaths worldwide: 45,526
- Number of recoveries worldwide: 204,605

**CONFIRMED TEST RESULTS**

- Positive: 5
- Negative: 22

**NUMBER OF SUSPECTED CASES IN TCI**: 9

**NUMBER OF PERSONS IN TCI CURRENTLY QUARANTINED/ISOLATED AT HOME**: 289

**NUMBER OF PERSONS IN TCI CURRENTLY QUARANTINED/ISOLATED AT FACILITY**: 2

**NUMBER OF PERSONS RELEASED FROM QUARANTINED/ISOLATION**: 80


**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or more.
- Cover nose and mouth with tissue when coughing, then throw tissue in trash.
- Avoid close contact with anyone showing cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Avoid touching eyes and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay at home when you are sick, and contact your doctor for medical advice.

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The Government advised that from today Thursday April 2 to Saturday April 4, 2020 supermarkets only will be allowed to open from 8:00AM to 9:00PM

• All other essential business will open from 8:00AM to 6:00PM

• On Friday April 3, only persons with surnames beginning from J through to R are allowed to access the essential services

• In addition all persons with surnames from A through I who did not get to shop today, Thursday will be allowed to shop on Friday, April 3

• Extra security at all supermarkets will be in place to ensure the rules and social spacing measures are adhered to

• Essential workers or those shopping for seniors/elderly and the vulnerable can do so between 6:00AM to 8:00AM
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. The Regional Coordination Centre is partially activated.

2. The CDEMA CU continues to liaise with the CARICOM regional institutions towards supporting the strengthening and continuity planning as well as regional level coordination.

3. The Regional Protocol designed to support CARICOM States in their response to COVID-19 is being updated further to a discussion on regional institutions on March 19th 2020. The draft document is scheduled to be considered by the Heads of CARICOM Institutions during the week of April 6, 2020.

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 University of the West Indies, through the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre is undertaking modelling to support Assessment and Analysis of the COVID19 event.

6. The Logistics and Procurement Cell is working towards strengthening the regional logistics arrangements and the supply chain in the region. This cell includes World Food Programme (WFP) OTHERS?

7. The National Disaster Offices are either on high alert on 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.

8. The latest updates on the COVID-19 pandemic in the region can be accessed from the CARPHA’s website www.carpha.org

9. CDEMA and the Regional Response Mechanism partners will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as appropriate.