



COVID-19 Situation Update - 124

19 March 2021

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

Statement of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) COVID-19 subcommittee on safety signals related to the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine



Region of the Americas

53,731,830
cases

1,293,491
deaths in

56
countries, areas, or territories

Global

121,660,094
cases

2,689,792
deaths in

236
countries, areas, or territories

As of 17 March 2021, more than 120 million cases of COVID-19 infections, with more than 2 million deaths, had been reported globally. Vaccination remains a critical tool to help prevent further illness and death and to control the pandemic.

So far, more than 20 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine have been administered in Europe and more than 27 million doses of the Covishield vaccine (AstraZeneca vaccine by Serum Institute of India) have been administered in India.

The GACVS COVID-19 subcommittee met virtually on 16 and 19 March 2021 to review available information and data on thromboembolic events (blood clots) and thrombocytopenia (low platelets) after vaccination with the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

The subcommittee reviewed clinical trial data and reports based on safety data from Europe, the United Kingdom, India, and Vigibase, the WHO global database of individual case safety reports.

Based on a careful scientific review of the available information, the subcommittee came to the following conclusions and recommendations:

- The AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine (including Covishield) continues to have a positive benefit-risk profile, with tremendous potential to prevent infections and reduce deaths across the world.
- The available data do not suggest any overall increase in clotting conditions such as deep venous thrombosis or pulmonary embolism following administration of COVID-19 vaccines. Reported rates of thromboembolic events after COVID-19 vaccines are in line with the expected number of diagnoses of these conditions. Both conditions occur naturally and are not uncommon. They also occur as a result of COVID-19. The observed rates have been fewer than expected for such events. [Read more...](#)

COVID-19 highlights:

COUNTRY	COVID-19 HIGHLIGHT
Anguilla	On 17th March 2021 Anguilla received their second batch of AstraZeneca vaccines, a total of 4000 doses arrived. All residents of Anguilla qualify to receive the vaccine.
Antigua and Barbuda	On 18 March 2021, Antigua and Barbuda reported the death of a 57 year old female , who tested positive for COVID-19. The brought the total number of deaths in the island to 27.
Barbados	20 new positive cases were reported on 18 March 2021.
British Virgin Islands	On 17th March 2021, the British Virgin Islands received their second shipment of the AstraZeneca vaccine donated by the United Kingdom. 12,000 doses were received.

COVID-19 Vaccination highlights:

COUNTRY	TYPE OF VACCINE	NUMBER OF VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED
Anguilla	AstraZeneca	5,348
Antigua and Barbuda	AstraZeneca	25,410
Barbados	AstraZeneca	58,214
British Virgin Islands	AstraZeneca	6,511
Dominica	AstraZeneca	13,135
Grenada	AstraZeneca	8,606
Montserrat	AstraZeneca	1,112
Saint Kitts & Nevis	AstraZeneca	7,580
Saint Lucia	AstraZeneca	20,247
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	AstraZeneca	9,219

Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories

COUNTRY	CONFIRMED CASES	ACTIVE CASES	DEATHS	# OF TESTS	TRANSMISSION TYPE	STATUS OF SCHOOLS	TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS	MASKS MANDATORY	COVID-19 WEB ADDRESS AND HOTLINE
ANGUILLA	22	0	0	11,031	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	No	https://beatcovid19.ai/ (264) 476-7627
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	1,011	370	27	13,613	Clusters of cases	Open	Yes	-	https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42 (268) 462-6843
BARBADOS	3,512	184	39	135,501	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Yes	https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/ (246) 536-4500
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	154	-	1	24,487	Clusters of cases	Both face to face & online	Yes	Yes	https://bvi.gov.vg/covid-19 (284) 852-7650
DOMINICA	156	18	0	12,084	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	http://dominica.gov.dm/corona (767) 448-2151
FRENCH GUIANA	16,764	-	87	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	
GRENADA	154	2	1	23,384	Sporadic cases	Varied stages of reopening	Lifted	Yes	https://covid19.gov.gd/ (473) 458-4787 / (473) 538-4787
GUADELOUPE	10,725	-	168	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.guadeloupe.ars.sante.fr/
MARTINIQUE	7,037	-	47	-	Community transmission	-	Yes	-	https://www.martinique.ars.sante.fr/
MONTSERRAT	20	0	1	1,105	No cases	Face to face sessions	Yes	No	https://www.gov.ms/covid-19/
SAINT BARTHELEMY	725	-	1	-	Sporadic cases	-	-	-	
ST KITTS & NEVIS	44	-	0	11,263	Sporadic cases	Open	Yes	Yes	https://www.covid19.gov.kn/
SAINT LUCIA	4,113	166	55	33,260	Community transmission	Online	Yes	Specific settings	https://www.covid19response.lc/
SAINT MARTIN	1,612	-	12	-	Community transmission	-	-	-	https://www.stmartinweek.fr/
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	1,692	171	8	39,303	Community transmission	Online	No	Specific settings	http://health.gov.vc/health/index.php/c (784) 534-4325
TOTAL	47,741	911	447	305,031					

Table 1: COVID-19 status in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, French Territories and United Kingdom Overseas Territories. 'Sporadic cases' indicates countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected. 'Clusters of cases' indicates countries/territories/areas experiencing cases clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures.

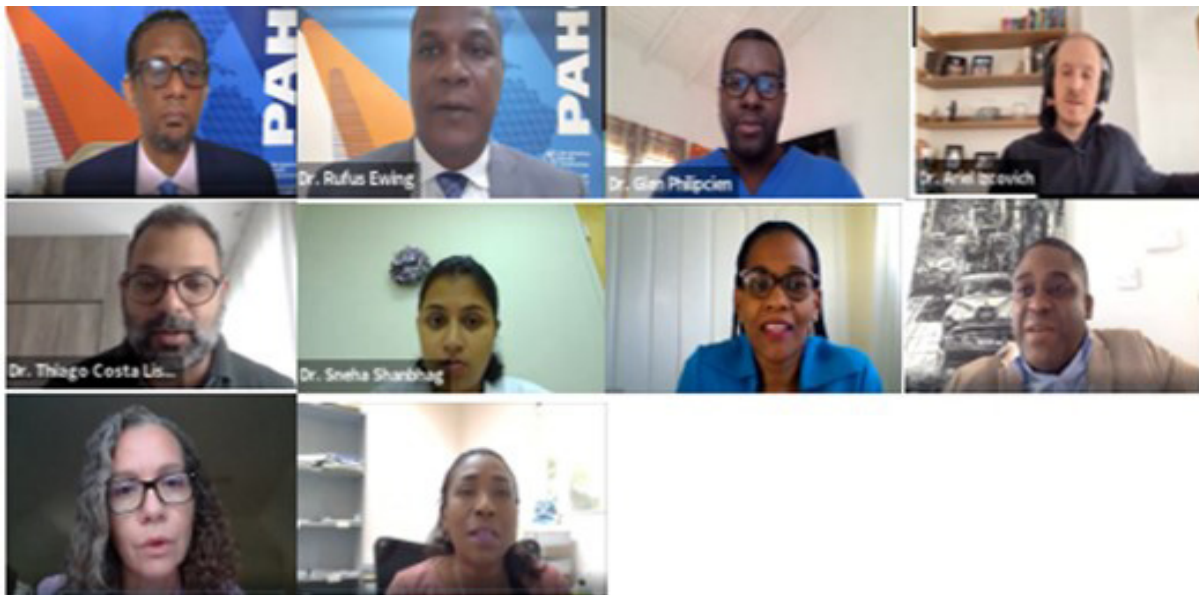
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PAHO's Response



Webinar on Clinical Management of COVID-19 in Health Facilities and Community hosted by the PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries

On Friday 19 March 2021, approximately one hundred and ninety (190) persons tuned in to the webinar on the clinical management of COVID-19 in health facilities and the community.

Hosted by the PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, the webinar's objective was to share best practice guidance for optimal care of COVID-19 patients during hospitalization, to reduce morbidity and death, and in the process protect health care workers during the delivery of care.

Moderator for the webinar was Dr. Rugus Ewing, Health Systems and Service Advisor for the PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries.

Dr. Yitades Gebre, PAHO/WHO Representative to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries, opened the webinar by welcoming participants and providing a brief presentation the status of countries in the Eastern Caribbean as it relates to the outbreak.

Dr. Ariel Izcovich, PAHO Consultant, Clinical Medical Service, Hospital Alemán, Buenos Aires, Argentina was one of 2 featured expert presenters. His presentation was on "Ongoing living update on COVID-19 therapeutic options: Summary of Evidence".

Dr. Thiago Lisboa, Institute de Pesquisa HCOR - Hospital do Coração São Paulo, Brazil, presented on "Appropriate use of Oxygen and Oxygen delivery systems in the management of COVID-19 patients in all settings".

Dr. Glen Philipkien, District Medical Officer, Saint Lucia and Dr. Sneha Shanbhag, Consultant Internist, Mount St. John's Medical Center, Antigua & Barbuda shared country experiences. Dr. Philipkien presented on the "Experiences in the management of COVID-19 patients in the non-acute care community setting", and Dr. Shanbhag on the "Experiences in the management of COVID-19 patients in the acute/critical care setting".

The webinar brought together three expert panelists represented by Dr. Simone French, Director of Emergency Medicine, University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI), Jamaica, Dr. Corey Forde, Infectious Disease Physician, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Barbados, and Dr. Valeska Stempliuk, PAHO Advisor, Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control, Jamaica Office.



Friday, 19 March 2021, 10:30am

Please join this webinar where we will share best practice guidance for optimal care of COVID-19 patients during hospitalization, to reduce morbidity and death, and in the process protect health workers during the delivery of care.

Objectives:

1. Guide management decision including admission to hospital and intensive care unit
2. Community-based monitoring and early interventions in COVID-19 patients
3. Appropriate use of oxygen and oxygen delivery systems in the management of COVID-19 patients
4. Appropriate use of therapeutics in the management of COVID-19 patients
5. Protection of health care workers in the COVID-19 clinical management space

- **Presentations - Clinical Management of COVID-19 Patients**
DR. ARIEL IZCOVICH, PAHO Consultant, Clinical Medical Service, Hospital Alemán, Buenos Aires, Argentina
DR. THIAGO LISBOA, Institute de Pesquisa HCOR - Hospital do Coração São Paulo, Brazil
- **Country Experiences**
DR. SNEHA SHANBHAG, Consultant Internist, Mount St. John's Medical Center, Antigua & Barbuda
DR. GLEN PHILIPCIEN, District Medical Officer, Saint Lucia
- **Expert Panel**

Moderator:

DR. RUFUS EWING
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 PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Countries



Register Now!

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 Medical Director, Emergency Medicine Division (UHWI), Lecturer, Emergency Medicine (UWI), Jamaica

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