**Covid-19 and Islands**

***Barbados***

1. What actions are being taken to protect the island community from Covid 19? In particular, how are travel restrictions being put in place and enforced?

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| See [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Situation Report](https://www.cdema.org/FINAL_CDEMA_Situation_Report_3_-_COVID_19_Outbreak_26_March_2020.pdf) | 26 March 2020 | * Schools remain closed * Churches started virtual services since Sunday 22 March * Borders remain open * Reduction in commercial flights as of 25 March with the last flight for British Airways scheduled for 27 March and Air Canada’s last direct flight to and from Toronto scheduled for 31 March; ongoing scaling back of services for LIAT and other airlines * All persons arriving from US and the UK from 22 March must self-quarantine for 14 days * Enforced ban of non-authorised disembarkation from cruise ships * Travel restrictions imposed for mini buses and route taxis * 8 PM – 6 AM curfew in effect from Saturday 28 March 2020 until Tuesday 14 April 2020 |
| Wendy Walker-Drakes  Ecolink Inc / Green Globe  [wwdecolink05@gmail.com](mailto:wwdecolink05@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | The intensive shutdown and 24 hr curfew over a 6 wk period as health ministry tried to ensure the curve remained minor. |
| Ronald Nathan  [rancilen@gmail.com](mailto:rancilen@gmail.com)  A.M.E. Zion Church | 20 May 2020 | First a total 24/7 lockdown and restriction of movement. After 4 weeks this has been relaxed. |
| Sandra Payne  Invest Barbados  [spayne@investbarbados.org](mailto:spayne@investbarbados.org) | 20 May 2020 | Government travel restrictions |
| Carol Harris  Sustainable Occupational Safety Consultancy  [sheadley869@gmail.com](mailto:sheadley869@gmail.com) | 20 May 2020 | Actions taken by Barbados: - Implementation of a continuous communication programme which includes press briefings and public awareness campaigns;  - aggressive contact tracing and testing; closing of borders to commercial air and sea travel; cruise ships were allowed to berth but crew not allowed to disembark;  - phased reduction in restrictions from complete lockdown to a gradual return to work system;  - social distancing on public transport and introduction of more buses to compensate for reduced capacity; masks are required;  - churches will be opened to no more than 20 with social distancing; - e-learning for school children; all school children identified for internet access and devices have been or in the process of receiving devices;  - extension in payment of income taxes;  - separate medical facilities for COVID-19 patients and testing;  - negotiation on changes to salaries for public servants |

1. What actions will be taken should people on the island have Covid 19?

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| See [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Situation Report](https://www.cdema.org/FINAL_CDEMA_Situation_Report_3_-_COVID_19_Outbreak_26_March_2020.pdf) | 26 March 2020 | * Ongoing preparation of major facility for quarantine * Department of Emergency Management continues to support the Health EOC as well as other agencies |
| Wendy Walker-Drakes  Ecolink Inc / Green Globe  [wwdecolink05@gmail.com](mailto:wwdecolink05@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | * Currently looking at living with Covid-19 as the economy begins to open up in a phased approach. Stand alone facility has been built and commissioned for the care of confirmed patients. |
| Ronald Nathan  [rancilen@gmail.com](mailto:rancilen@gmail.com)  A.M.E. Zion Church | 20 May 2020 | * Quarantine and contact tracing was critical |
| Carol Harris  Sustainable Occupational Safety Consultancy  [sheadley869@gmail.com](mailto:sheadley869@gmail.com) | 20 May 2020 | * Barbados has 90 cases up until 20th May 2020, 68 recovered, 167 tests. * Contact tracing, testing, education, social distancing and hygiene, plans to develop self sufficiency in agriculture and review of current streams of income. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that essential goods and services are provided to the island community?

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| Wendy Walker-Drakes  Ecolink Inc / Green Globe  [wwdecolink05@gmail.com](mailto:wwdecolink05@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | There has been no shortages...on island farm produce, regional farm produce and other food & goods as the port remained open. |
| Carol Harris  Sustainable Occupational Safety Consultancy  [sheadley869@gmail.com](mailto:sheadley869@gmail.com) | 20 May 2020 | Division of person by alphabetical order for shopping and banking; electronic versions of services offered; limit to some food supplies; assistance to unemployed persons by government and private individuals; adopt a family program managed by government; increased agricultural production encouraged. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that people working on the islands, not only in the tourism sector, are sustained financially in the short term and in the long term?

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| Wendy Walker-Drakes  Ecolink Inc / Green Globe  [wwdecolink05@gmail.com](mailto:wwdecolink05@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | Government has put in place a multi-faceted security blanket for civil society...laid off personnel...self employed contributors to NIS and vulnerable families. Private sector has been supporting this effort as well through vouchers and donations. Churches and CBOs also providing for needy within congregations and communities. |
| Ronald Nathan  [rancilen@gmail.com](mailto:rancilen@gmail.com)  A.M.E. Zion Church | 20 May 2020 | Grants, unemployment benefits and food parcels are distributed. |
| Sandra Payne  Invest Barbados  [spayne@investbarbados.org](mailto:spayne@investbarbados.org) | 20 May 2020 | Stimulus packages and social security payments |
| Carol Harris  Sustainable Occupational Safety Consultancy  [sheadley869@gmail.com](mailto:sheadley869@gmail.com) | 20 May 2020 | Financial assistance from government; approval of construction and infrastructure projects; |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure the mental well-being of people on the islands?

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| Ronald Nathan  [rancilen@gmail.com](mailto:rancilen@gmail.com)  A.M.E. Zion Church | 20 May 2020 | Sea bathing and entry into parks will help mental health. |
| Sandra Payne  Invest Barbados  [spayne@investbarbados.org](mailto:spayne@investbarbados.org) | 20 May 2020 | Gradual unlocking; webinars; constant communication |
| Carol Harris  Sustainable Occupational Safety Consultancy  [sheadley869@gmail.com](mailto:sheadley869@gmail.com) | 20 May 2020 | Public awareness programs, promotion of services already in existence in the public and private sector. |

1. If you consider it appropriate, feel free to share any data about people who have Covid 19 on your island and of people who, sadly, have passed away because of Covid 19.

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| See [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Situation Report](https://www.cdema.org/FINAL_CDEMA_Situation_Report_3_-_COVID_19_Outbreak_26_March_2020.pdf) | 26 March 2020 | As of 26 March,   * 24 confirmed cases. |
| Wendy Walker-Drakes  Ecolink Inc / Green Globe  [wwdecolink05@gmail.com](mailto:wwdecolink05@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | Currently there is evidence of some community spread but not widespread. The precautions of mask and hand hygiene are somewhat effective and social distancing in all areas including commute. |
| Carol Harris  Sustainable Occupational Safety Consultancy  [sheadley869@gmail.com](mailto:sheadley869@gmail.com) | 20 May 2020 | As of 20 May:   * Contact tracing has been able to identify a few cases which may indicate community spread. |

1. If applicable, how are lockdown measures being relaxed?

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| Wendy Walker-Drakes  Ecolink Inc / Green Globe  [wwdecolink05@gmail.com](mailto:wwdecolink05@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | 5 phased approach to full opening. From 24 hour curfew, now reduced to 8pm to 5am in the first instance. Shopping by surname system still in effect and effective. |
| Ronald Nathan  [rancilen@gmail.com](mailto:rancilen@gmail.com)  A.M.E. Zion Church | 20 May 2020 | Slowly and carefully but not as clearly as needed for the local people to understand. |
| Sandra Payne  Invest Barbados  [spayne@investbarbados.org](mailto:spayne@investbarbados.org) | 20 May 2020 | Incrementally and where necessary on a case by case basis |
| Carol Harris  Sustainable Occupational Safety Consultancy  [sheadley869@gmail.com](mailto:sheadley869@gmail.com) | 20 May 2020 | Lockdown relaxed in a phase approach accompanied with guidance on working safely |

1. Is there anything else you want to share?

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| Wendy Walker-Drakes  Ecolink Inc / Green Globe  [wwdecolink05@gmail.com](mailto:wwdecolink05@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | I welcome this forum and for us to understand that one economic space...improved trade intraregionally...effective governance in CARICOM/ACS will see us able to rebuild our economies in our own neck of the woods while planning to be the World's Health Spa for the healing of the nation. This is no easy task but necessary. |

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