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21 December, 2020

## Regional News



### **PAHO Director says COVID-19 vaccines will not be an easy, quick fix for the Americas**

The COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020 “is undoubtedly the most extraordinary public health event of our lifetimes,” Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director Dr. Carissa F. Etienne said. “This pandemic stands out in both scale and impact. And it has put a spotlight on two of the longstanding challenges of our region: inequality and underinvestment of our health systems.”

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### [PAHO updates essential public health functions for countries of the Americas](#)

PAHO urged the countries of the Americas to renew the essential public health functions to provide quality public health services and actions, to address epidemics and to advance toward universal health.

[Read more](#)



**[PAHO and ECLAC seek to improve the supply of medical products during emergencies in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)** With the aim of preventing interruptions in medical product supplies during future health emergencies, PAHO and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) convened a dialogue between the health, industry, and science and technology sectors in the region.

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### [Special Edition of the Pan American Journal of Public Health Human Resources for Universal Health](#)

In order for the countries of the Americas to move towards an equitable health system it is necessary to have human resources with adequate knowledge and skills, and in sufficient numbers where they are required. This special issue presents relevant evidence for action and change in the field of human resources for health to support the broader goal of achieving universal health.

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 **Health Story**



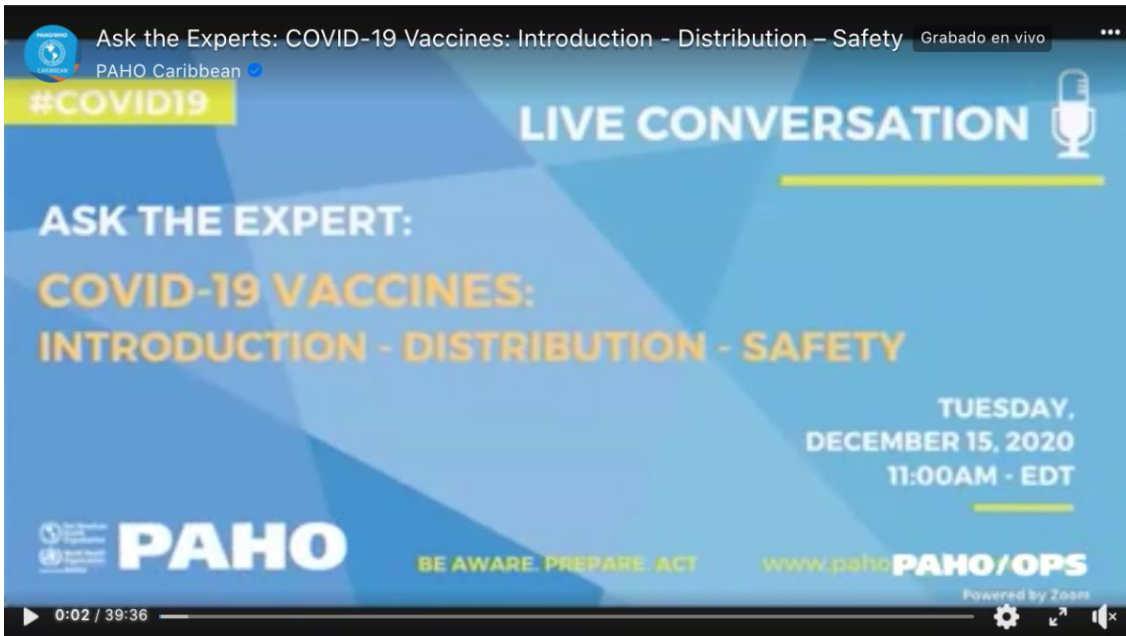
### **Community health workers in Dominica lead the fight against COVID-19**

Community health workers are at the heart of the COVID-19 response in Dominica's Roseau Health District. Bringing health care closer to the community through primary health care and training the health workforce in people-centred care has so far proven to be the best protection against the pandemic. Learn how Dominica is strengthening its health system to respond to COVID-19 and provide health for all.

[Read more](#)

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 **Video**



Watch this Facebook LIVE on ["Ask the Experts: COVID-19 Vaccines: Introduction - Distribution - Safety."](#)

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## Publications



[The Essential Public Health Functions in the Americas: A Renewal for the 21st Century. Conceptual Framework and Description.](#) Washington, D.C.: Pan American Health Organization; 2020.

[Guidance for ethics oversight of COVID-19 research in response to emerging evidence.](#) Washington, D.C.: Pan American Health Organization; 2020.

## Resources

### UNIVERSAL HEALTH DAY WEBINAR

During the celebration of Universal Health Day 2020, PAHO launched the publication “The Essential Public Health Functions in the Americas: A Renewal for the 21st Century” that integrates the Essential Public Health Functions across health system strengthening policy initiatives, promoting health for all, and protecting everyone.

 [Watch the webinar here](#)

### WORKSHOP: COVID-19 VACCINE RESEARCH ETHICS

PAHO’s Regional Program on Bioethics conducted an online workshop on COVID-19 vaccine research ethics.

 [Watch the workshop here](#)

### DIALOGUES ABOUT RESEARCH ETHICS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Fourth dialogue: [The perspective of researchers](#)

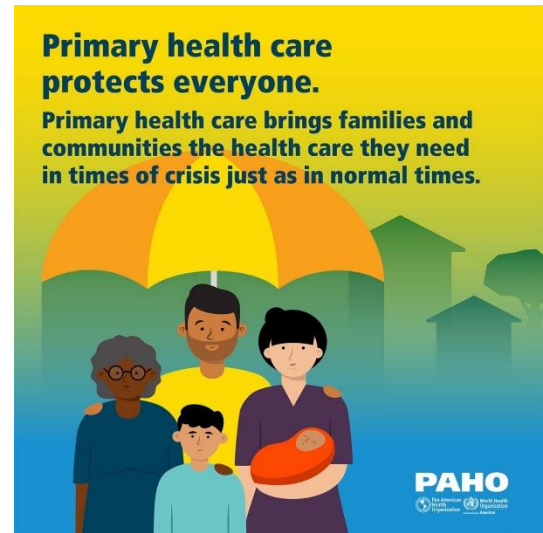
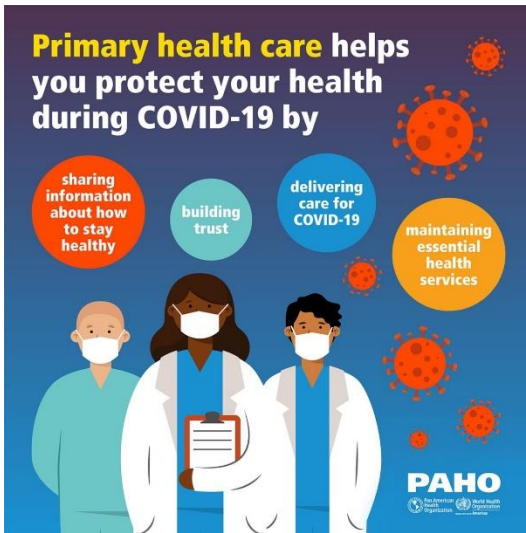
Fifth dialogue: [The risk-benefit assessment of studies](#)

Sixth dialogue: [What have we learned so far?](#)

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## Communication Materials





## HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES 2020 BULLETINS

Access to all the bulletins from the Department of Health Systems and Services during 2020.

### JANUARY

[Bulletin Health Systems and Services - January 2020](#) 

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