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PAHO asks countries to reinforce contact tracing and data systems as the region starts to reopen

"Primary health care should be at the center of the response: identifying cases, acting to contain transmission and providing timely care in the community," the Director of the Pan American Health Organization, Dr. Carissa F. Etienne said. "Local health authorities have a central role to play in generating and analyzing data to adjust public health measures to the reality in each area".

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PAHO Director warns of disruptions in regular health services due to COVID-19

Health services are being disrupted in countries of the Americas as health workers are redirected to care for COVID-19 patients, people hesitate to seek routine care due to fears of infection, and global supply chains of medicines and equipment are strained said Carissa F. Etienne, PAHO Director.

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Commentary
BMJ Global Health COVID-19: transformative actions for more equitable, resilient, sustainable societies and health systems in the Americas

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COVID-19: transformative actions for more equitable, resilient, sustainable societies and health systems in the Americas

COVID-19 has exposed structural deficiencies in health, social and economic policies and sectors in the Americas impacting the resilience of health systems and societies. Access the BMJ Global Health article and learn about the strategic actions for more equitable,

resilient, sustainable societies and health systems in the Americas.

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National Regulatory Authorities participate in the discussion on COVID-19 vaccines: the WHO solidarity trial and the WHO Emergency Use Listing Procedure

PAHO held the XI Regulatory Meeting with the National Regulatory Authorities in the Americas, which took place on 6 August 2020. In this session, representatives from the World Health Organization presented the SOLIDARITY clinical trial protocol and the WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL) process for COVID-19 vaccines.

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PAHO helped procure 10 million PCR diagnostic tests for COVID-19 for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean PAHO has leveraged the Strategic Fund for Public Health Supplies to procure and distribute millions of COVID-19 diagnostic kits, Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), and other essential health supplies to countries throughout the Americas, a new report shows.

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Key statistics on nursing workforce in the Americas (country profiles)

State of the World's Nursing Report - 2020 and country profiles provides the latest, most up-to-date evidence on and policy options for the global nursing workforce, as well individual country profiles presenting key statistics on nursing workforce.

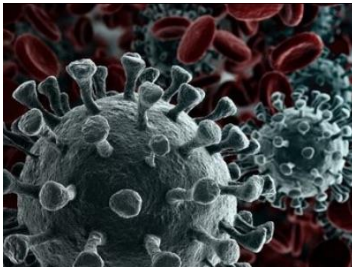
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The Regional Base of Health Technology Assessment Reports of the Americas reaches 250 reports on COVID-19

The Regional Base of Health Technology Assessment Reports of the Americas (BRISA) reached 250 reports related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The reports are produced by members of the Regional Health Technology Assessment Network of the Americas (RedETSA).

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Stay informed on COVID-19

Check-out all the information available on COVID-19 in PAHO's website: number of cases reported in the Americas, technical guidelines, epidemiological alerts, guidance and research in the Americas, infographics, and social media cards.

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 **Video**



[Responding to COVID-19 boosts Suriname's health system](#)

Suriname is preparing to come out stronger from COVID-19. As the pandemic highlights the gaps in the country's health system, the Government is acting quickly to drive its response, engaging partners, reaching remote communities through primary health care and building a strong foundation for universal health.

[Read the story here](#)

Publications

[COVID-19: transformative actions for more equitable, resilient, sustainable societies and health systems in the Americas](#). Etienne CF, et al. *BMJ Global Health* 2020;5:e003509.

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[Leveraging household survey data to measure barriers to health services access in the Americas](#). Báscolo E, Houghton N, Del Riego A. *Rev Panam Salud Publica*. 2020;44:e100.

[Monitoring access barriers to health services in the Americas: a mapping of household surveys](#). Houghton N, Bascolo E, del Riego A. *Rev Panam Salud Publica*. 2020;44:e96.

Upcoming Events

WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY

Theme: Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety

When: 17 September 2020

[More information](#)

Resources

REDUCING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA

Access to the PAHO Director's remarks at Bloomberg Philanthropies' Webinar "Leading Through Crisis: Reducing the Impact of COVID-19 in Latin America and Africa".

→ [Read the document here](#)

WEBINAR

Access the recording of the webinar on "Emergency use of unproven interventions and outside of the scope of research. An ethical guidance for the COVID-19 pandemic". Available in Spanish

→ [Access the recording here](#)

COURSES AND WEBINARS ON COVID-19

At PAHO's Virtual Campus you will find courses and webinars recordings related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This page is updated daily, so make sure to come back often and see the newest information.

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Country's News

Dominican Republic

[OPS entrega al Gabinete de Salud 49 toneladas de equipos de protección personal](#)

Guatemala

[ONU y OPS/OMS entregan insumos de protección personal al Ministerio de Salud en el marco de proyecto de apoyo al Plan de Respuesta Humanitaria de Guatemala a la COVID-19](#)

[OPS/OMS firma convenio con el IGSS para la mejora de servicios y prestaciones de salud](#)

Haiti

[PAHO trains 2,800 community health workers in Haiti for COVID-19 Response](#)

Honduras

[Comunidad de La Venta fortalece sus recursos humanos para mejorar la capacidad de respuesta de los servicios de salud](#)

Mexico

[Gobierno de México inicia proceso de compra eficiente de medicamentos y vacunas junto a la UNOPS y la OPS/OMS](#)

[En Tabasco, OPS destaca que el enfoque en APS de las brigadas comunitarias permitirá salvar vidas y reducir la transmisión de persona a persona](#)

Panama

[La Representación de la OPS en Panamá realiza gestión de adquisición de insumos médicos para el país donados por el Gobierno de Japón](#)

[Lanzamiento del curso virtual MHGAP Humanitario – 2020](#)

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