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Time is of the essence – Countries of the Americas must act now to slow the spread of COVID-19

The Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Dr. Carissa F. Etienne, called for urgent action to ensure hospital space, beds, health professionals and medical equipment to cope with the coming influx of coronavirus disease 2019.

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PAHO Director to Health Ministers- “Reorganize health services to care for COVID-19 patients and save lives”

PAHO Director called on all countries in the Americas to take urgent action to reorganize their health services and protect health professionals in order to safely care for patients with the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and save lives.

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PAHO and the Prime Minister of Haiti work together to strengthen health system preparedness for COVID-19

The Director of the Department of Health Systems and Services, James Fitzgerald, met with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Haiti, Joseph Jouthe, during a

technical mission to Haiti, from 17-19 March, to strengthen PAHO's support in the country in preparedness to a possible introduction of COVID-19.

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Countries in the Americas start monitoring the Plan of Action on Human Resources for Health

On March 2020, PAHO/WHO launched the Monitoring System of the Plan of Action on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage 2018-2023, which reflects the commitments assumed by the countries of the Americas in 2017.

[Available in Spanish]

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New PAHO publication on addressing the challenges of regulatory systems strengthening in small states

PAHO has assessed national regulatory capacities using a precursor of WHO Global Benchmarking Tool, and conducted an analysis of the data which suggests an association of regulatory capacity with population and the size of the economy.

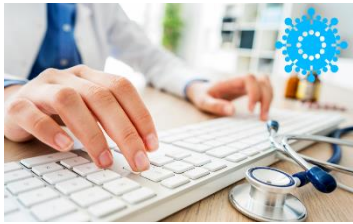
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Belize became an associate member of the WHO Program for International Drug Monitoring

This accomplishment is the result of a focused effort from the government of Belize and PAHO to strengthen regulatory functions including registration, pharmacovigilance, and post market surveillance.

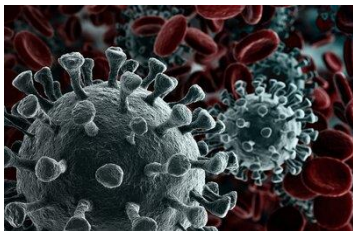
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PAHO launches three courses on COVID-19 in Spanish

The Virtual Campus launched the Spanish version of three online courses to provide information and guidance to countries in the Americas in the response to the novel coronavirus. The courses were already available on the OpenWHO online learning platform in English, French and Portuguese. All the courses are free and self-placed.

[Read more](#)



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.

[Read more](#)

Health Story



Emergency nursing in Jamaica

Trecia Simone Stewart is an emergency nurse working in a hospital situated between two major highways and what she describes as some “volatile” communities in Spanish Town, Jamaica. The hospital treats a large number of trauma patients with injuries including gunshot wounds and road traffic accidents. It has also recently had to manage a large dengue outbreak.

[Read her story here](#)

Video



In this short video, the Obstetrician Francisca Villasanti, from Paraguay, recounts the crucial role she plays in the health services.

Upcoming Events

WORLD HEALTH DAY 2020

What: International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife

Theme: Launch of the 2020 edition of “The State of the World’s Nursing Report”


When: 7 April 2020

How: This event will be transmitted.

[More information](#)

Resources

Recording of virtual seminar on the imperative to catalyse COVID-19 ethical research

→  Learn about the imperatives to conduct rapid ethics review of COVID-19 research protocols and to promote future research through the use of broad consent.

[Access the recording here](#)

Communication Materials

World Health Day 

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 **Country's News**

Barbados

[PAHO and UWI discuss collaboration on Public Health courses](#)

Belize

[PAHO/WHO Belize briefs members of various organizations on COVID-19](#)

Cuba

[Maestría en Economía de la Salud: primera graduación en la provincia Cienfuegos](#)

Honduras

[Expertos de la OPS/OMS visitan Honduras para fortalecer plan de respuesta ante COVID-19](#)

Nicaragua

[OPS contribuye al fortalecimiento de la red de servicios de salud, para responder de manera oportuna ante el coronavirus](#)

Panamá

[La OPS/OMS en Panamá prepara a los trabajadores de salud del MINSA y la CSS ante el COVID-19](#)

Uruguay

[OPS y la Universidad Católica del Uruguay firman convenio de cooperación técnica](#)
