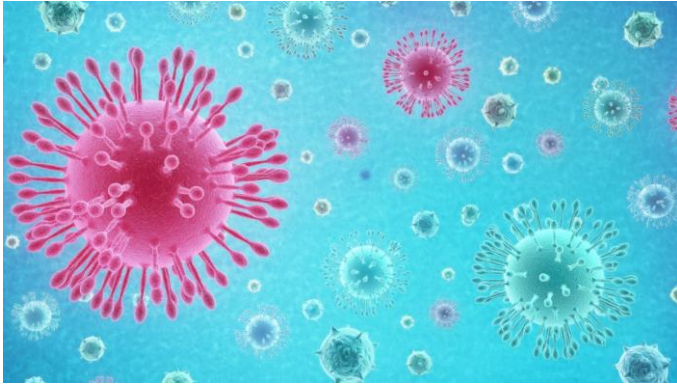




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## COVID-19 IN THE COMMONWEALTH



The Commonwealth Secretariat provides a daily update of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Commonwealth countries, reported as a percentage of population.

<https://www.thecommonwealth.io/covid19dashboard/#/>.

The Commonwealth comprises 54 countries, across all continents with a combined population of 2.4 billion people, almost a third of the world population. As at 8 July 2020, there were 1,915,113 cases of COVID-19 across the Commonwealth with 86,218 deaths. This compares favourably with global figures on the same date of 12,151,535 cases with 551,125 deaths. Globally on 8 July, there were 4,582,683 active cases (99% classified as mild with 1% classified as serious or critical). There were 7,568,852 closed cases (93% of which had recovered; 7% of whom had died).

On page 2 of this e-News, some of the statistics for Commonwealth countries, taken from the Commonwealth Coronavirus Trajectory Tracker are outlined.

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) estimated in early June that globally around 230,000 health care workers had contracted COVID-19 through their work, with 600 nurses globally dying from the disease. Health care workers such as porters and cleaners appear to have the highest incidence of contracting COVID-19 through their work. Despite repeated calls by the ICN, countries do not routinely record cases or deaths among health care workers.

It is important to remember that globally, the statistics for COVID-19 are self-reported by countries, and countries do not always count cases or deaths in the same way. The global absolute numbers of cases and deaths present a different picture to when cases and deaths are reported as a percentage of population.

## UPDATED GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF MASKS FOR COVID-19

The World Health Organisation has released updated guidance on the use of masks in the prevention and spread of COVID-19. Based on evolving evidence, the new guidance provides updates on who should wear a mask, when it should be worn, and what it should be made of. The WHO state that it remains critical that people who use masks continue to take a comprehensive approach to prevention, including physical distancing and hand hygiene.

<https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---5-june-2020/>.

## 2020 COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

The 26<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) which was due to be held in Rwanda 22-27 June 2020 has been postponed. A CHOGM Interim Report has been released with excellent papers from high profile contributors on five themes: Good Governance; ICT and Innovation; Trade and Economic Growth; Environment and Climate Change; and Youth and Education.

The report can be downloaded from:

[http://www.commonwealthcbc.com/publications/commonwealth-heads-of-government-interim-report?last\\_publication\\_downloaded=1660](http://www.commonwealthcbc.com/publications/commonwealth-heads-of-government-interim-report?last_publication_downloaded=1660).

## VALE LURET CLARKSON GRENADA



The Grenada Nurses Association has advised the recent death of Luret Clarkson: a nurse and midwife, who held positions of Director of the Grenada School of Nursing, President of the Caribbean Nurses Organisation, President of the Grenada Public Workers Union and Grenada Chief Nursing Officer. She was a forward thinking and energetic advocate and activist and a wonderful role model for nurses and midwives: clear thinking, outspoken, respectful, and compassionate. Luret has left a lasting legacy for Grenada and Caribbean nursing and midwifery.



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## COMMONWEALTH COVID-19 DASHBOARD

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COUNTRY	CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION	DEATHS PER 100,000 POPULATION	FATALITY RATE %
Singapore	771.6	0.44	0.1
Maldives	462.7	2.22	0.5
United Kingdom	421.8	65.39	15.5
South Africa	364.0	5.9	1.6
Canada	281.3	23.08	8.2
Malta	152.4	2.04	1.3
Cyprus	114.7	2.17	1.9
Pakistan	107.5	2.23	2.1
Bangladesh	102.4	1.31	1.3
eSwatini	91.0	1.21	1.3
Seychelles	82.4	0.00	0.0
Antigua and Barbuda	71.5	3.06	4.3
Ghana	70.7	0.42	0.6
Cameroon	56.2	1.35	2.4
India	53.8	1.50	2.8
Guyana	36.2	2.03	5.6
Australia	34.3	0.42	1.2
Barbados	34.1	2.44	7.1
Brunei Darussalam	32.2	0.69	2.1
St Kitts and Nevis	30.1	0.00	0.0
Mauritius	26.9	0.79	2.9
Malaysia	26.8	0.37	1.4
Bahamas	26.4	2.80	10.6
St Vincent and Grenadines	26.1	0.00	0.0
Jamaica	25.2	0.34	1.3
Dominica	25.0	0.00	0.0
New Zealand	24.6	0.46	1.9
Namibia	21.2	0.00	0.0
Grenada	20.4	0.00	0.0
Sierra Leone	19.7	0.79	4.0
Kenya	15.3	0.31	2.0
Nigeria	14.5	0.32	2.2
Botswana	13.4	0.04	0.3
St Lucia	12.0	0.00	0.0
Zambia	10.3	0.23	2.2
Sri Lanka	9.7	0.05	0.5
Malawi	9.8	0.13	1.3
Trinidad and Tobago	9.5	0.57	6.0
Rwanda	9.0	0.02	0.3
Belize	7.5	0.50	6.7
Lesotho	4.2	0.00	0.0
Mozambique	3.3	0.03	0.8
Gambia	2.5	0.12	4.9
Fiji	2.1	0.00	0.0
Uganda	2.1	0.00	0.0
Tanzania	0.9	0.04	4.1
Papua New Guinea	0.1	0.00	0.0

Note: Kiribati, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvulu, Vanuatu, and Samoa have not reported any cases of COVID-19