The Barbados Response to COVID-19

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This brief presentation will cover:

1. Milestones of the COVID-19 Response in Barbados
2. Overview of the epidemic
3. The Barbados Response to COVID-19
4. Economic impact of COVID-19 on Barbados
5. Looking forward....
Milestones in the COVID-19 Response

- **HEOC stood up** Jan. 26th
- **WHO announces COVID-19 is PHEIC** Jan. 30th
- **Public Health Lab began PCR testing** Feb. 11th
- **Presentation to the Cabinet and Security Council (ANASEC) on** March 9th
- **COVID-19 declared a Pandemic** March 12th
- **Completion of the national Pandemic Preparedness Plan** March 12th
- **1st cases of COVID-19** March 16th
- **1st COVID-19 death** March 20th
- **Stage 3 Declared** March 26th
- **“Lockdown” commenced** March 28th
Ministry of Health and Wellness, Barbados COVID-19 Situation Report
COVID-19 Hotline (246) 536 4500  Wednesday May 27, 2020 9:00 A.M.

STATISTICS WORLDWIDE *

5,710,855 Confirmed Cases
2,451,594 Recovered
352,870 Deaths

*Coronavirus Worldometer

STATISTICS LOCAL

92 Confirmed Cases
49 Females | 43 Males
7-95 Age Range
5,038 Total Tests Completed

9 In Isolation
76 Recovered
7 Deaths
COVID-19 Case Progression in Barbados

- **Died**
- **Recovered**
- **Active**

Number of cases over time from 16.03.2020 to 25.05.2020.
Disease surveillance began at our Ports of Entry

We began testing at the public health lab on Feb. 11th, 2020
  ◦ We do RT-PCR testing
  ◦ We are currently expanding testing
  ◦ Hoping for a reliable rapid test!

Continued disease surveillance including augmented laboratory testing will remain our key strategies as we seek to test, diagnose, contain!
Testing is a critical strategy

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Total daily COVID-19 tests

- **Negative results**
- **Positive results**
COVID-19 is devastating the economy!
The combined effects are a contraction in economic activity, reduced government tax revenues, and a loss of international reserves.
“No retreat, no surrender!”

Thank you for your attention!