

Region of the Americas Update

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Last 24 hours

122,258	Additional cases
2,494	Additional deaths
0.23%	Relative increase in cases
0.19%	Relative increase in deaths
32	Countries/territories reporting new cases
25	Countries/territories reporting new deaths

Highest numbers of cases & deaths in the last 24 hrs*

Cases (≥ 1,000)

Brazil	47,774
United States	39,165
Chile	6,155
Colombia	5,963
Peru	5,547
Argentina	4,032
Canada	3,269
Mexico	2,133
Uruguay	1,614
Paraguay	1,523

Deaths (≥ 100)

Brazil	1,290
United States	479
Mexico	209
Colombia	121
Peru	113

Region of the Americas

54,249,753 cases

1,306,186 deaths

Global

123,115,102 cases

2,713,567 deaths

236

countries/areas/territories affected

Total cases, deaths & CFR (%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 60,000 cumulative cases.

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	29,537,163	537,260	1.8%
Brazil	11,998,233	294,042	2.5%
Colombia	2,337,150	62,028	2.7%
Argentina	2,245,771	54,545	2.4%
Mexico	2,195,772	198,036	9.0%
Peru	1,466,326	50,198	3.4%
Chile	938,094	22,359	2.4%
Canada	933,785	22,676	2.4%
Panama	350,991	6,044	1.7%
Ecuador	312,851	16,478	5.3%
Bolivia	264,634	12,060	4.6%
Dominican Republic	249,776	3,275	1.3%
Costa Rica	211,903	2,896	1.4%
Paraguay	194,122	3,730	1.9%
Guatemala	188,119	6,710	3.6%
Honduras	182,409	4,443	2.4%
Venezuela	151,123	1,493	1.0%
Puerto Rico	104,516	2,096	2.0%
Uruguay	81,537	792	1.0%
Cuba	67,476	397	0.6%

COVID-19 – Highlights

- The [PAHO Revolving Fund](#), responsible for the procurement of vaccines against COVID-19 for the countries in the Americas, via the COVAX Mechanism, sent Brazil 1,022,400 doses of the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine - manufactured by SK Bioscience, from South Korea.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published an updated [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destinations](#). All air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens, are **required** to have a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board a flight to the United States.
- The [Paraguay Ministry Health](#) indicated that the occupancy level of intensive care unit (ICU) beds continue to be high; 100% occupancy in both the public and private sectors with about 30 patients waiting for a place in the ICU.

*Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting

Spotlight – SARS-COV-2 Variants of Concern (VOC) in the Americas

Today's spotlight provides an update on the geographical distribution of three variants of concern including VOC 20212/01; 501Y.V2 and P.1 of the SARSCoV-2 virus (as reported by countries, territories, and areas (hereafter countries) in the region of the Americas as of 22 March 2021. Since the last update, additional countries/territories that have detected at least one of the VOCs include **the island of Sint Maarten (B.1.1.7)** and **Aruba** has now reported all three variants of Concern.

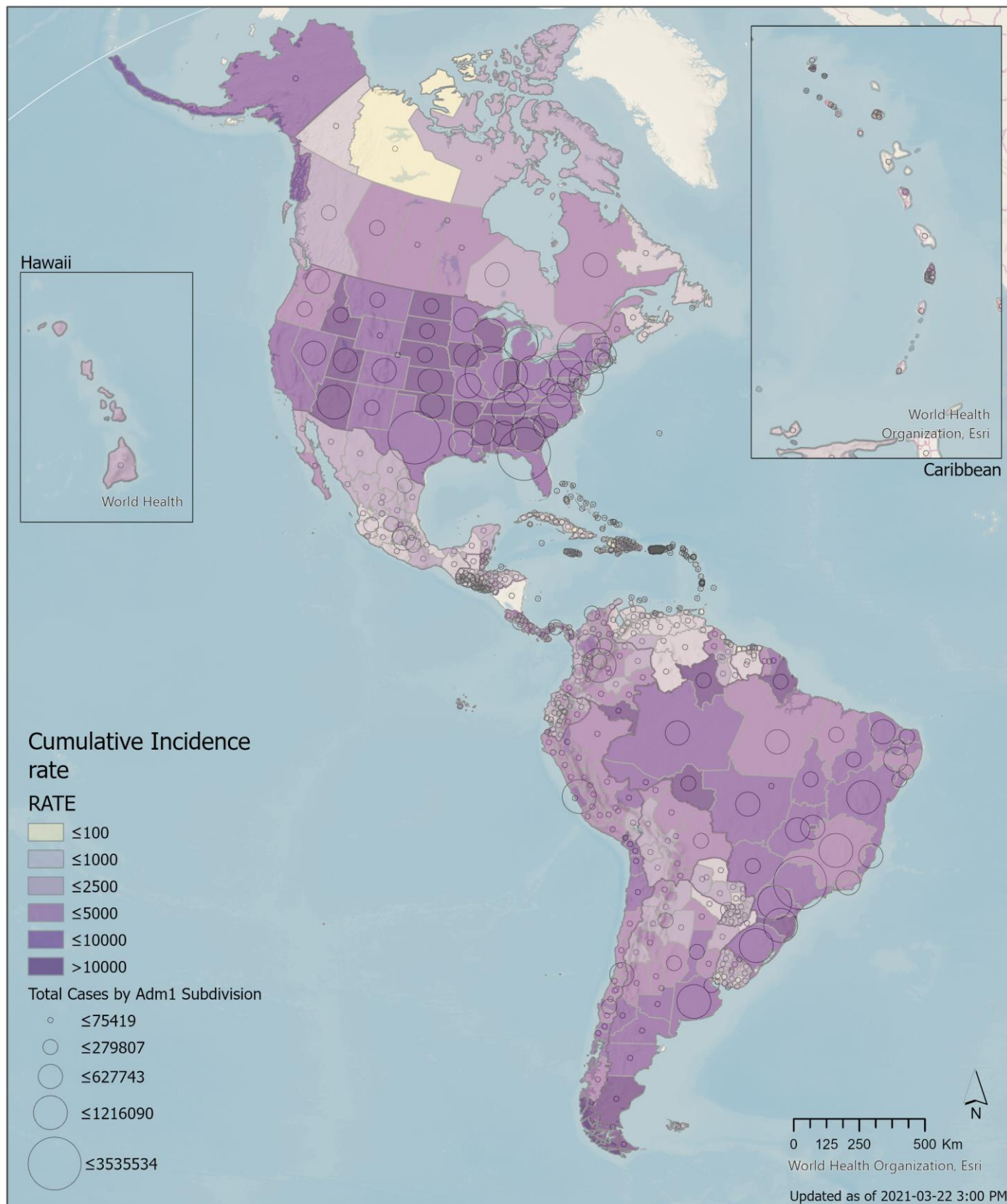
Table 1: Distribution of the three (3) SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern by country/territory. Region of the Americas.

Country	501Y.v2 (B.1.351)	P.1 (B.1.1.28)	VOC 202012/01 (B.1.1.7)
Argentina		✓	✓
Aruba	✓	✓	✓
Barbados			✓
Belize			✓
Bonaire			✓
Brazil		✓	✓
Canada	✓	✓	✓
Cayman Islands			✓
Chile		✓	✓
Colombia		✓	
Costa Rica	✓		✓
Cuba	✓		
Curaçao			✓
Dominican Republic			✓
Ecuador			✓
French Guiana		✓	✓
Guadeloupe	✓	✓	✓
Jamaica			✓
Martinique	✓	✓	✓
Mexico		✓	✓
Panama	✓		
Peru		✓	✓
Puerto Rico			✓
Saint Barthélemy			✓
Saint Lucia			✓
Saint Martin	✓	✓	✓
Sint Maarten			✓
Trinidad and Tobago			✓
Turks and Caicos Islands			✓
United States of America	✓	✓	✓
Uruguay			✓
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republ..		✓	

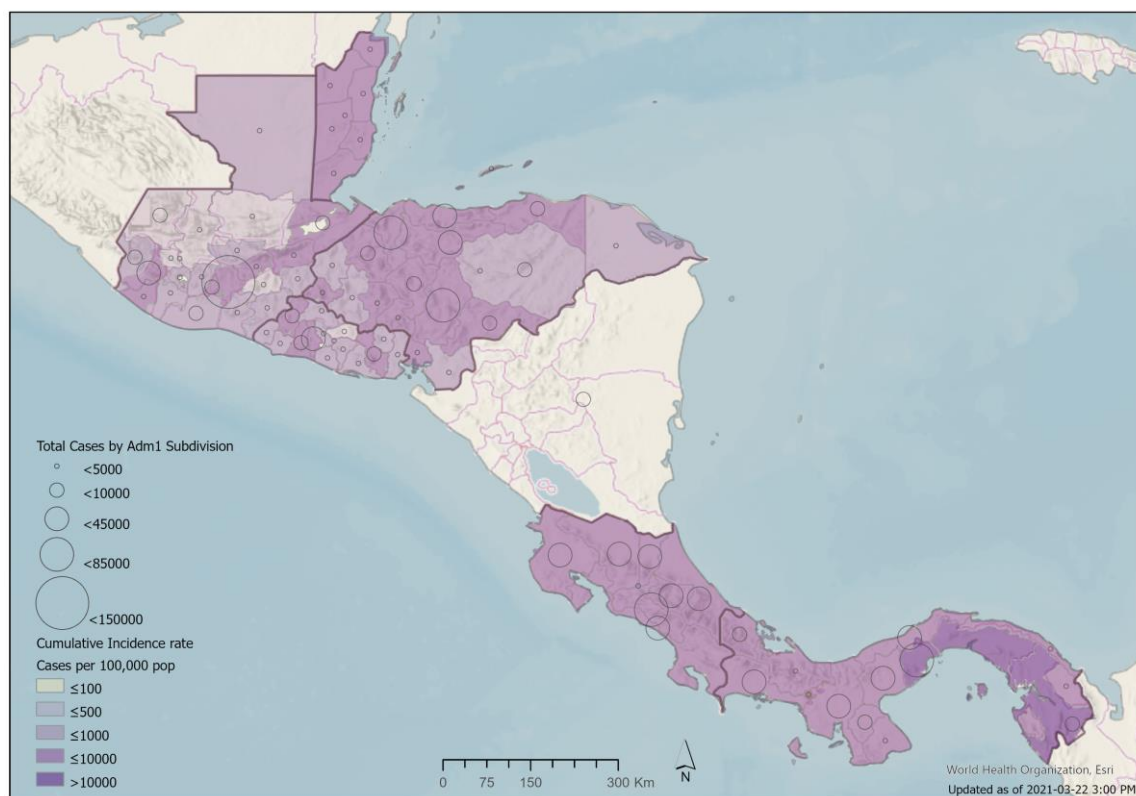
NOTES:

United States of America: Excludes count for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. Source: <https://bit.ly/3b5BvgE>

Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory. As of 22 March 2021.

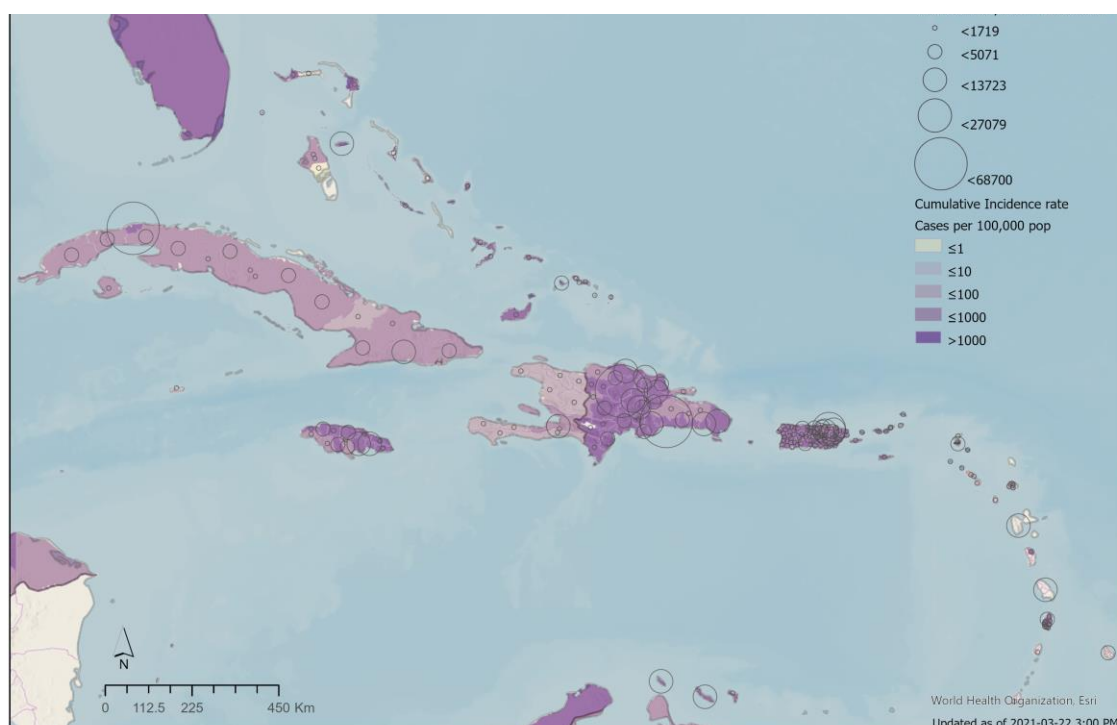


Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 22 March 2021.



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Map 3. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 22 March 2021.





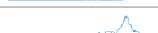
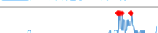














































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**COVID-19 situation reported by
countries and territories in the Americas,
as of 22 March 2021**

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases			Deaths			Transmission Type
		7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	
North America	Canada		933,785	9%		22,676	-5%	Community transmission
	Mexico		2,195,772	-22%		198,036	-19%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)		29,537,163	-16%		537,260	-16%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		32,666,720			757,972		
Central America	Belize		12,400	-14%		316	-100%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica		211,903	-20%		2,896	-43%	Community transmission
	El Salvador		63,344	-39%		1,983	-26%	Community transmission
	Guatemala		188,119	20%		6,710	41%	Community transmission
	Honduras		182,409	-9%		4,443	47%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua		5,251	-13%		176	0%	Community transmission
	Panama		350,991	0%		6,044	-30%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		1,014,417			22,568		
South America	Argentina		2,245,771	22%		54,545	59%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		264,634	3%		12,060	-24%	Community transmission
	Brazil		11,998,233	11%		294,042	23%	Community transmission
	Chile		938,094	17%		22,359	-4%	Community transmission
	Colombia		2,337,150	28%		62,028	38%	Community transmission
	Ecuador		312,851	31%		16,478	21%	Community transmission
	Paraguay		194,122	18%		3,730	61%	Community transmission
	Peru		1,466,326	31%		50,198	4%	Community transmission
	Uruguay		81,537	25%		792	31%	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		151,123	43%		1,493	6%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		19,989,841			517,725		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		22	-67%				Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda		1,033	-39%		28	-83%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba		8,771	32%		82	50%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)		8,923	27%		188	-33%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados		3,551	-4%		39	0%	Community transmission
	Bermuda		789	315%		12	0%	Sporadic cases
	Bonaire		1,045	38%		8	100%	Community transmission

Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		475	-59%		2	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cuba		67,476	-7%		397	4%	Community transmission
	Curacao		5,997	193%		24	0%	Community transmission
	Dominica		157	-92%				Sporadic cases
	Dominican Republic (the)		249,776	25%		3,275	4%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the)		51	0%				Sporadic cases
	French Guiana		16,764	-100%		87	0%	Community transmission
	Grenada		154	-100%		1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe		11,095	39%		169	0%	Community transmission
	Guyana		9,649	39%		215	33%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti		12,722	-55%		251	0%	Community transmission
	Jamaica		35,896	4%		536	16%	Community transmission
	Martinique		7,264	50%		47	0%	Community transmission
	Montserrat		20	0%		1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico		104,516	29%		2,096	7%	Community transmission
	Saba		6	0%				No cases
	Saint Barthelemy		776	-6%		1	-100%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		44	-50%				Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia		4,132	-57%		55	-100%	Community transmission
	Saint Martin		1,633	-32%		12	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and		24	0%				No cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		1,700	6%		10	0%	Community transmission
	Sint Eustatius		20	0%				No cases
	Sint Maarten		2,101	58%		27	0%	Community transmission
	Suriname		9,066	-11%		176	-100%	Cluster of cases
	Trinidad and Tobago		7,855	53%		140	-100%	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos		2,294	9%		16	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)		154	0%		1	0%	Clusters of Cases
	Virgin Islands (US)		2,824	8%		25	0%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		578,775			7,921		
	Total		54,249,753			1,306,186		

* 7 Day Moving Average

Legend

>50% increase
10% to 50% increase
10 to -10% change
10% to 50% decrease
>50% decrease

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NOTES: Case and death counts may include both confirmed and probable classifications depending on the reporting Member State. Recovered counts as indicated and defined by reporting Member States.

- Antibody tests, including rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) based on antibody detection, are not recommended for use by PAHO/WHO in clinical diagnosis. Antigen-detecting RDTs may be used following the WHO 11 September 2020 Guidance, available at: <https://bit.ly/2FxK2fs>.
- Data is updated on an approximately semi-weekly to weekly basis for Guadeloupe, Martinique, Nicaragua, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin, and Saint Pierre and Miquelon.
- As of 11 November 2020, the previously aggregated Bonaire, Saba, and Sint Eustatius are now being presented separately in the table.
- *A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (the) (Malvinas)

Argentina: On 14 March 2021, due to daylight savings time observed in Eastern Standard Time zone, the Argentina data is no longer published by 3:00PM EST same day and is henceforth included in the following day table. Between 22 February and 14 March 2021, the data had corresponded to the same date.

Bahamas: According to a 21 March Bahamas Ministry of Health (MoH) publication, there are a total of 15 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3noOhKK>

Ecuador: According to a 6 September Ecuador Ministry of Public Health press release, only cases confirmed by RT-PCR will be reported; previously, cases who tested positive by either RT-PCR or RDTs were reported, resulting in the exclusion of 8,956 cases. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3h2EWEA>

Guadeloupe: Deaths are aggregated for Guadeloupe and Saint Martin in Santé Publique France weekly publications, available at: <https://bit.ly/2VQ201g>. Death counts for Guadeloupe are calculated subtracting deaths in Saint Martin published by the Saint Barthelemy and Saint Martin prefecture, available at: <https://bit.ly/2LgWYct>

Jamaica: According to a 22 March 2021 Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 72 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3uEDjor>

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 17 March. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pw7ZVR>

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data posted as of 20 March 2021 is 429,509 by RT-PCR + 165,993 by antigen tests + 865,277 by other RDTs. Antibody tests, including RDTs based on antibody detection, are not recommended for use by PAHO/WHO in clinical diagnosis. Antigen-detecting RDTs may be used following the WHO 11 September 2020 Guidance, available at: <https://bit.ly/2FxK2fs>

Puerto Rico: Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 95,967 were positive by RT-PCR and 8,549 were positive by antigen tests; previously, cases who tested positive by either RT-PCR or serological RDTs were reported, resulting in the exclusion of 33,965 cases. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2VvjksQ>

United States of America: Case and death counts includes both confirmed and probable classifications, as published on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) website on 22-March (for data confirmed at 16:00 EST the previous day). Excludes counts for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. Sources: <https://bit.ly/2WJN2dd> and <https://bit.ly/2zUMSZ1>

Uruguay: According to the 21 March 2021 Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, 11 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total, available at: <https://bit.ly/3cLBKxa>

DATA ADJUSTMENTS: Differences in the total number of cases, deaths, and/or recovered cases and respective % increases reflect the following adjustment:

Bahamas: The Bahamas Ministry of Health retrospectively released data for 19-20 March indicating 8,884 cases and 7,724 recovered; 8,909 cases, 188 deaths, and 7,733 recovered. This has been retrospectively adjusted in the Americas 20 -21 March 2021 table. Available at: <https://bit.ly/38JQ5c1>