

Region of the Americas Update

Last 24 hours *

- 149,102** Additional cases
- 3,168** Additional deaths
- 0.27%** Relative increase in cases
- 0.24%** 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 hours *

Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	61,620
Brazil	38,927
Argentina	14,014
Colombia	7,049
Canada	6,311
Chile	5,008
Peru	3,239
Ecuador	2,201
Uruguay	2,178
Paraguay	1,770
Mexico	1,292
Venezuela	1,288

Deaths (≥ 100)

Brazil	1,660
United States	592
Mexico	203
Peru	166
Argentina	162
Colombia	124

COVID-19 – Highlights

- In **Brazil**, the Federal Government announced the 100% Brazilian vaccine project. Researchers from Ribeirão Preto (SP) requested authorization from the National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) to evaluate in volunteers the effectiveness of the vaccine with technology developed in the Faculty of Medicine. The details are available on the website of the Ministry of Health, here: <https://bit.ly/3fq17r1>.
- Paraguay**: The Vice Minister of Health expressed concern at the number of cases and deaths registered in the past few days including the weekend (which he described as “a black weekend”), in addition to the fact that infections continue to increase. He described the situation as critical. Additional information is found here: <https://bit.ly/2PIYeGW>.

Region of the Americas

55,735,999 cases

1,343,698 deaths

56

countries/areas/territories affected.

Global

127,497,620 cases

2,790,761 deaths

235

countries/areas/territories affected.

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

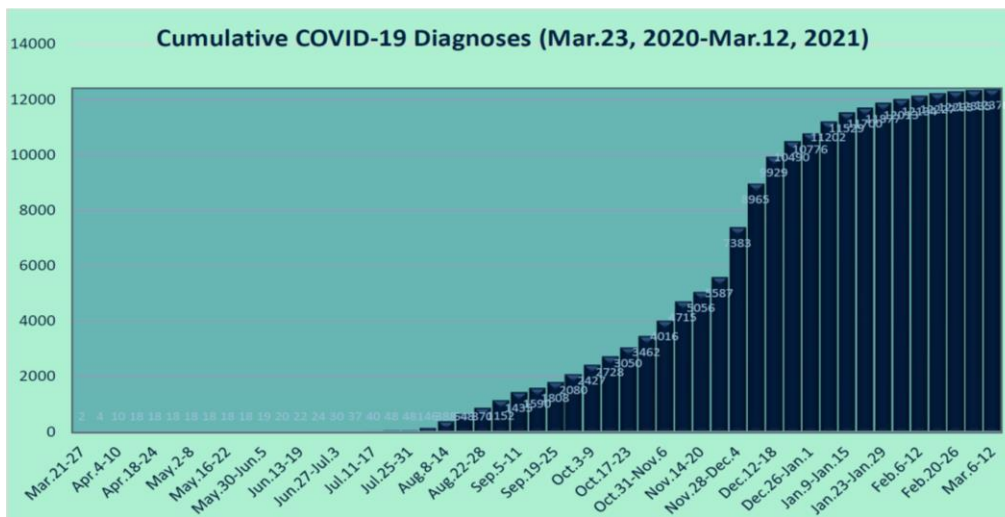
Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	30,030,084	545,022	1.8%
Brazil	12,573,615	313,866	2.5%
Colombia	2,389,779	63,079	2.6%
Argentina	2,322,611	55,611	2.4%
Mexico	2,227,842	201,826	9.1%
Peru	1,533,121	51,635	3.4%
Chile	989,492	23,107	2.3%
Canada	971,715	22,900	2.4%
Panama	354,085	6,103	1.7%
Ecuador	327,325	16,780	5.1%
Bolivia	270,347	12,211	4.5%
Dominican Republic	252,384	3,317	1.3%
Costa Rica	215,178	2,931	1.4%
Paraguay	210,425	4,113	2.0%
Guatemala	193,834	6,823	3.5%
Honduras	187,975	4,585	2.4%
Venezuela	157,943	1,577	1.0%
Puerto Rico	106,935	2,112	2.0%
Uruguay	99,584	928	0.9%
Cuba	74,212	421	0.6%

*Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting.

Population	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Transmission
419,199 ¹	12,411 ²	317 ²	12,052	Community Transmission

Situation of COVID-19

Epidemiological data received from the Ministry of Health for the week ending 12 March 2021 indicate that the cumulative number of persons tested is 82,146 out of which 12,370 persons have been confirmed positive with a positivity rate of 16.3. About 96% of persons diagnosed with COVID-19 recover and the overall case fatality rate has been maintained at 2.55%.



Source: Ministry of Health and Wellness Data on arcGIS.com

Of the 3,596 tests were conducted in the week ending 12 March 2021, 42 were positive for SARS-CoV-2, resulting in a positivity rate of 1.16% (12 March). This week's positivity rate of 1.16% continues to be within the Ministry of Health's target of less than 5% positivity rate. This rate has been maintained below 5% since 2 February 2021, which was the target set by the Ministry of Health for further relaxation restrictions due to COVID-19.

For the last 5 weeks, the Stann Creek district has been the epicenter of COVID-19 infections, followed by the Cayo and Belize districts. 46% of the 42 persons confirmed to be positive for SARS-CoV-2 this week are from the Stann Creek district compared to 27% from the Cayo district and 21% from the Belize District.

Hospitalizations: For the week ending 12 March 2021, out of the 61 active infections that were reported, 2 persons were hospitalized. For the first time since September 2020 Belize is reporting no COVID admissions to the intensive care unit.

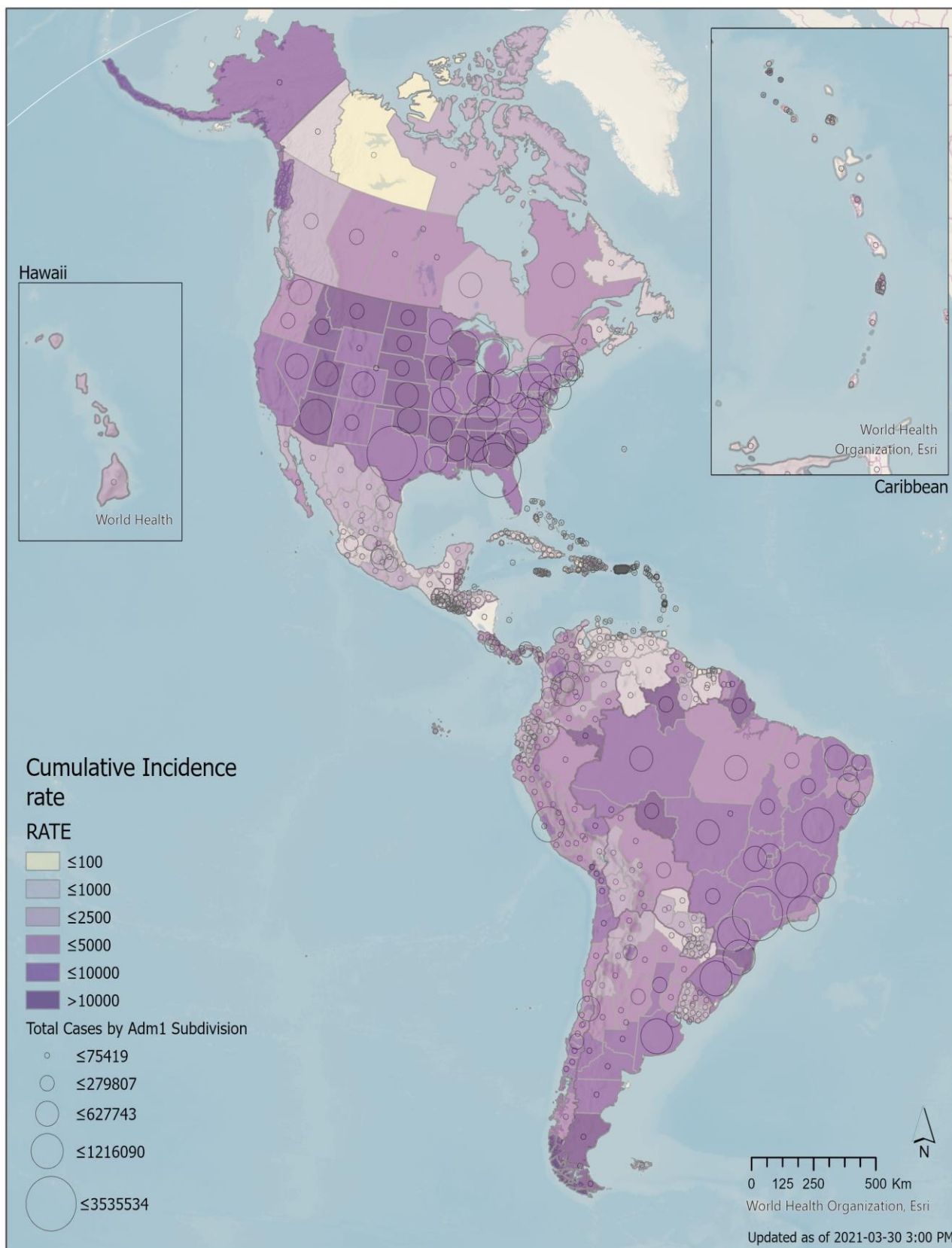
Deaths: As of 12 March 2021, 316 deaths have been recorded by the Ministry of Health

Vaccination: The Ministry of Health received a donation of 25,000 COVID vaccines. A total of 7,444 healthcare workers have been vaccinated. After the health care workers were vaccinated, persons over the age of 60 and those with immunocompromised states including persons living with HIV and those diagnosed with cancer are being vaccinated.

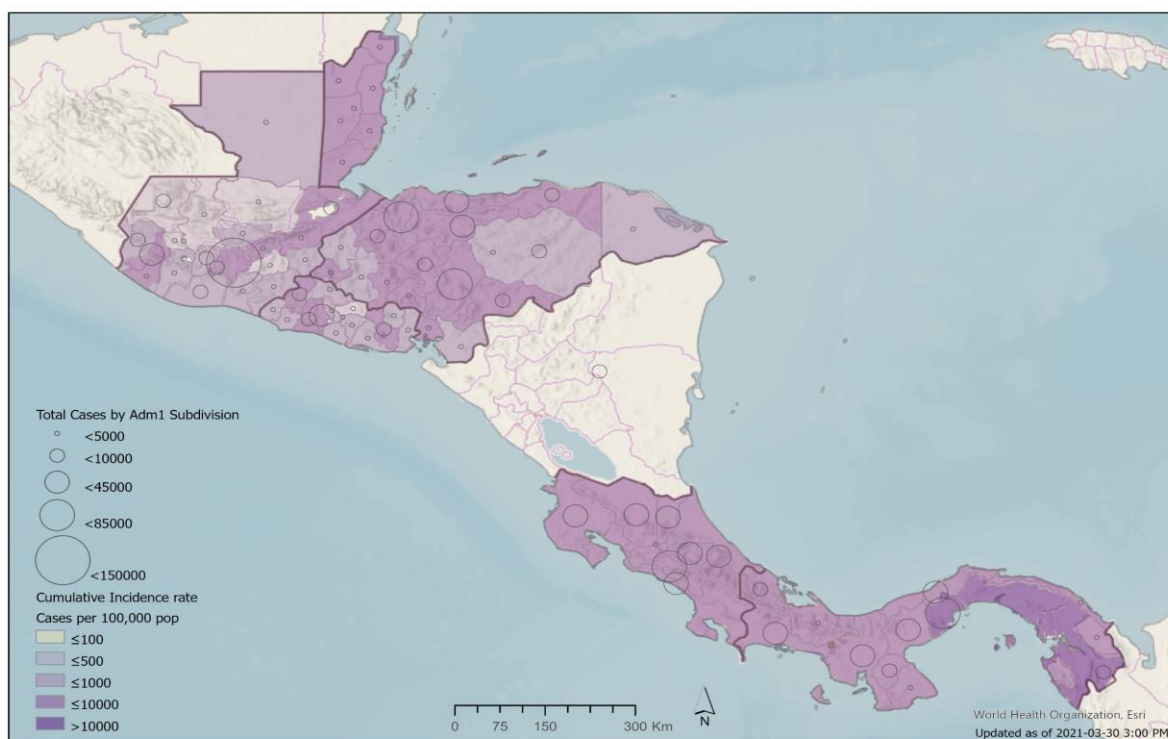
¹ Source: Statistical Institute of Belize, July 2020

² Data as of 30 March 2021

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 30 March 2021

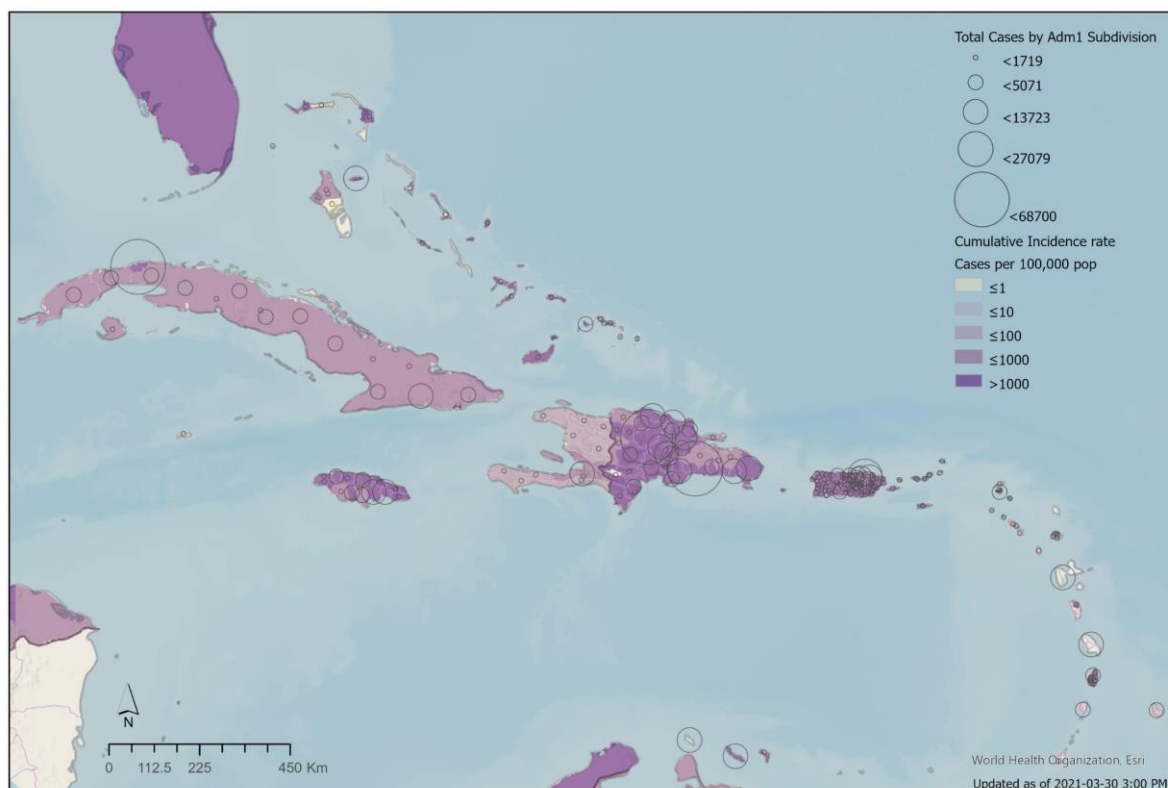


Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 30 March 2021



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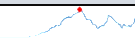
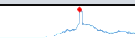









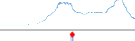








Map 3. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 30 March 2021



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COVID-19 situation reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 30 March 2021

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases			Deaths			Recovered	Transmission Type
		7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change		
North America	Canada		971,715	29%		22,900	-17%	903,607	Community transmission
	Mexico		2,227,842	4%		201,826	9%	1,765,244	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)		30,030,084	13%		545,022	-8%	11,977,707	Community transmission
	Subtotal		33,229,641			769,748		14,646,558	
Central America	Belize		12,411	-83%		317	0%	12,052	Community transmission
	Costa Rica		215,178	-23%		2,931	17%	191,707	Community transmission
	El Salvador		64,431	34%		2,006	-29%	61,640	Community transmission
	Guatemala		193,834	-6%		6,823	-29%	176,613	Community transmission
	Honduras		187,975	8%		4,585	6%	71,988	Community transmission
	Nicaragua		5,326	3%		178	0%	5,102	Community transmission
	Panama		354,085	-6%		6,103	9%	343,057	Community transmission
	Subtotal		1,033,240			22,943		862,159	
South America	Argentina		2,322,611	40%		55,611	13%	2,088,256	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		270,347	0%		12,211	37%	219,389	Community transmission
	Brazil		12,573,615	0%		313,866	14%	10,969,247	Community transmission
	Chile		989,492	10%		23,107	22%	924,612	Community transmission
	Colombia		2,389,779	31%		63,079	3%	2,273,909	Community transmission
	Ecuador		327,325	28%		16,780	13%	281,684	Community transmission
	Paraguay		210,425	-3%		4,113	37%	172,386	Community transmission
	Peru		1,533,121	12%		51,635	12%	1,451,112	Community transmission
	Uruguay		99,584	35%		928	24%	79,410	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		157,943	12%		1,577	29%	146,196	Community transmission
	Subtotal		20,874,242			542,907		18,606,201	

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases			Deaths			Recovered	Transmission Type
		7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		25	200%		21	0%	Sporadic cases	
	Antigua and Barbuda		1,136	-28%		820	-100%	Clusters of cases	
	Aruba		9,294	30%		8,608	-100%	Community transmission	
	Bahamas (the)		9,091	-2%		8,563	-100%	Clusters of cases	
	Barbados		3,634	-36%		3,444	-50%	Community transmission	
	Bermuda		1,136	240%		728	0%	Community transmission	
	Bonaire		1,315	-29%		934	-67%	Community transmission	
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		499	113%		462	0%	Sporadic cases	
	Cuba		74,212	14%		69,868	-20%	Community transmission	
	Curacao		7,740	88%		5,159	350%	Community transmission	
	Dominica		161	-67%		153	0%	Sporadic cases	
	Dominican Republic (the)		252,384	-35%		211,744	-26%	Community transmission	
	Falkland Islands (the)		51	0%		51	0%	Sporadic cases	
	French Guiana		16,922	0%		9,995	0%	Community transmission	
	Grenada		155	0%		153	0%	Sporadic cases	
	Guadeloupe		11,512	13%		2,242	300%	Community transmission	
	Guyana		10,182	7%		8,922	44%	Clusters of cases	
	Haiti		12,758	-59%		10,856	0%	Community transmission	
	Jamaica		38,848	-39%		17,474	-6%	Community transmission	
	Martinique		7,679	83%		98	0%	Community transmission	
	Montserrat		20	0%		18	0%	Sporadic cases	
	Puerto Rico		106,935	43%		95,238	-18%	Community transmission	
	Saba		6	0%		6	0%	No cases	
	Saint Barthelemy		857	59%		94	0%	Clusters of cases	
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		44	-100%		43	0%	Sporadic cases	
	Saint Lucia		4,228	22%		4,130	0%	Community transmission	
	Saint Martin		1,657	14%		598	0%	Community transmission	
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		24	0%		24	0%	No cases	
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		1,739	105%		1,587	-100%	Community transmission	
	Sint Eustatius		20	0%		20	0%	No cases	
	Sint Maarten		2,134	58%		2,073	0%	Community transmission	
	Suriname		9,104	-5%		8,585	-100%	Cluster of cases	
	Trinidad and Tobago		7,986	71%		7,599	0%	Community transmission	
	Turks and Caicos		2,327	-46%		2,203	-100%	Clusters of cases	
Virgin Islands (UK)		154	0%		153	0%	Clusters of Cases		
Virgin Islands (US)		2,907	33%		2,829	0%	Community transmission		
Subtotal			598,876		8,100	485,495			
Total			55,735,999		1,343,698	34,600,413			

* 7 Day Moving Average

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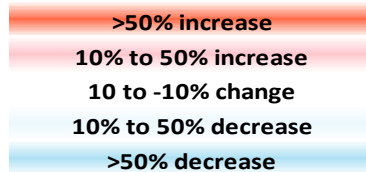


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NOTES:

Case and death counts may include both confirmed and probable classifications depending on the reporting Member State.

- *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/2FvK2fs>.*
- *Data is updated on a weekly basis for French Guiana, 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 28 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 30 March 2021 Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 78 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3qAwIJo>.

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 24 March. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pw7ZVR>.

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data posted as of 28 March 2021 is 454,499 by RT-PCR + 203,069 by antigen tests + 872,314 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/2FvK2fs>.

Puerto Rico: Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 97,615 were positive by RT-PCR and 9,320 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 30-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 29 March 2021 Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, the total includes 728 cases retrospectively reported by laboratories and 2 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3rJvITf>.

DATA ADJUSTMENTS

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

Bahamas: The Bahamas Ministry of Health retrospectively released data for 28 March indicating 9,091 cases. This has been retrospectively adjusted in the Americas 29 March 2021 table. Available at: <https://bit.ly/31LecDz>.

Jamaica: Deaths were retrospectively adjusted on 27 March in order to align with the Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness indicating 566 deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3dhA8LP>.