

Region of the Americas Update

3 PM WDC. 22 February 2021

Last 24 hours

121,644	Additional cases
3,018	Additional deaths
0.25%	Relative increase in cases
0.26%	Relative increase in deaths
39	Countries/territories reporting new cases
26	Countries/territories reporting new deaths

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

Cases (≥ 1,000)	Deaths (≥ 100)
United States 55,323	United States 1,299
Brazil 29,026	Brazil 527
Peru 7,410	Mexico 310
Argentina 5,417	Peru 220
Colombia 4,244	Argentina 161
Chile 3,549	Colombia 149
Mexico 3,104	
Canada 2,351	

COVID-19 – Highlights

1. The **FDA** issued guidelines for medical product developers, covering vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics products, to address the emergence and potential future emergence of variants of SARS-CoV-2. Details at: <https://bit.ly/3kdx1y>
2. **Argentina** authorizes COVID-19 vaccines produced in China (more information is found at: <https://bit.ly/3snWLnL>). The Ministry of Health announced that the vaccination of targeted groups will be free of charge, equitable and voluntary, more information is found at: <https://bit.ly/3bB0uHU>
3. In **Costa Rica**, the National Vaccination Commission approved mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 among health sector officials, details available at: <https://bit.ly/3pLO98u>
4. **Suriname** announces that weekend lockdowns have had a positive effect. More information at: <https://bit.ly/3pEvcok>

*Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting times.

Region of the Americas

49,587,660 cases

1,179,251 deaths

56
countries/areas/territories affected

Global

111,223,464 cases

2,465,937 deaths

236
countries/areas/territories affected

Total cases, deaths & CFR (%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 10,000 cumulative cases.

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	27,828,370	495,275	1.8%
Brazil	10,168,174	246,504	2.4%
Colombia	2,226,262	58,834	2.6%
Argentina	2,069,751	51,359	2.5%
Mexico	2,041,380	180,107	8.8%
Peru	1,283,309	45,097	3.5%
Canada	845,652	21,674	2.6%
Chile	803,009	20,126	2.5%
Panama	336,521	5,742	1.7%
Ecuador	274,968	15,547	5.7%
Bolivia	242,292	11,441	4.7%
Dominican Republic	235,882	3,048	1.3%
Costa Rica	202,466	2,777	1.4%
Guatemala	171,289	6,306	3.7%
Honduras	165,095	3,996	2.4%
Paraguay	151,718	3,065	2.0%
Venezuela	136,068	1,316	1.0%
Puerto Rico	99,257	1,983	2.0%
El Salvador	59,235	1,807	3.1%
Uruguay	52,815	574	1.1%

Spotlight - SARS-COV-2 Variants of Concern (VOC)

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 February 2021.

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

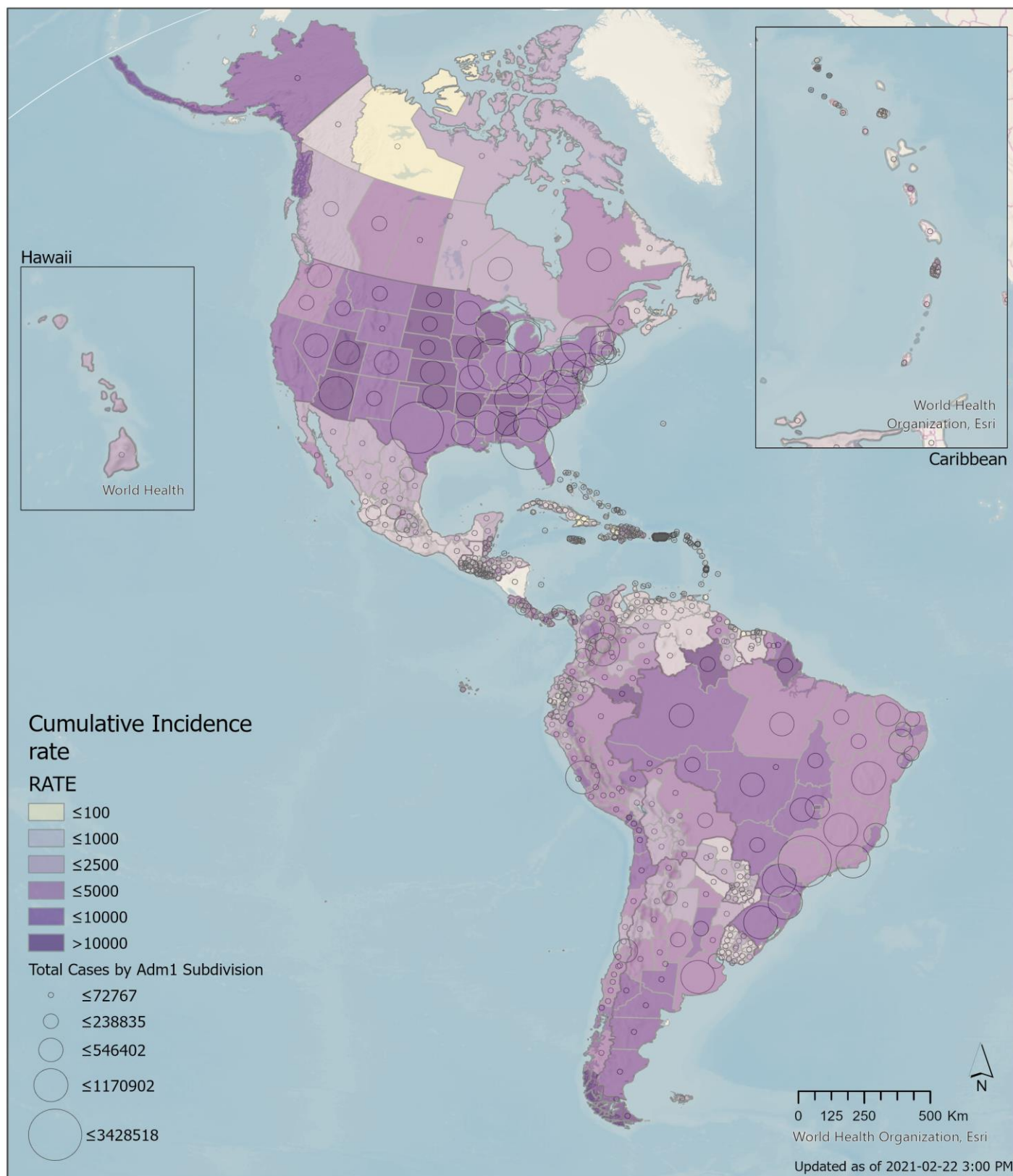
	Country	VOC 202012/01	501Y.V2	P.1
1	Argentina	Yes	No	Yes
2	Aruba	Yes	No	No
3	Barbados	Yes	No	No
4	Brazil	Yes	No	Yes
5	Canada	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Chile	Yes	No	No
7	Colombia	No	No	Yes
8	Cuba	No	Yes	No
9	Curacao	Yes	No	No
10	Dominican Republic	Yes	No	No
11	Ecuador	Yes	No	No
12	French Guiana*	No	No	Yes
13	Guadeloupe	Yes	No	No
14	Jamaica	Yes	No	No
15	Martinique	Yes	No	No
16	Mexico	Yes	No	Yes
17	Panama	No	Yes	No
18	Peru	Yes	No	Yes
19	Puerto Rico	Yes	No	No
20	Saint Barthelemy	Yes	No	No
21	Saint Lucia	Yes	No	No
22	Saint Martin	Yes	No	No
23	Trinidad and Tobago	Yes	No	No
24	United States of America	Yes	Yes	Yes
25	Uruguay	Yes	No	No

*Additional countries/territories who have detected at least one of the VOCs since the update on 16 February 2021

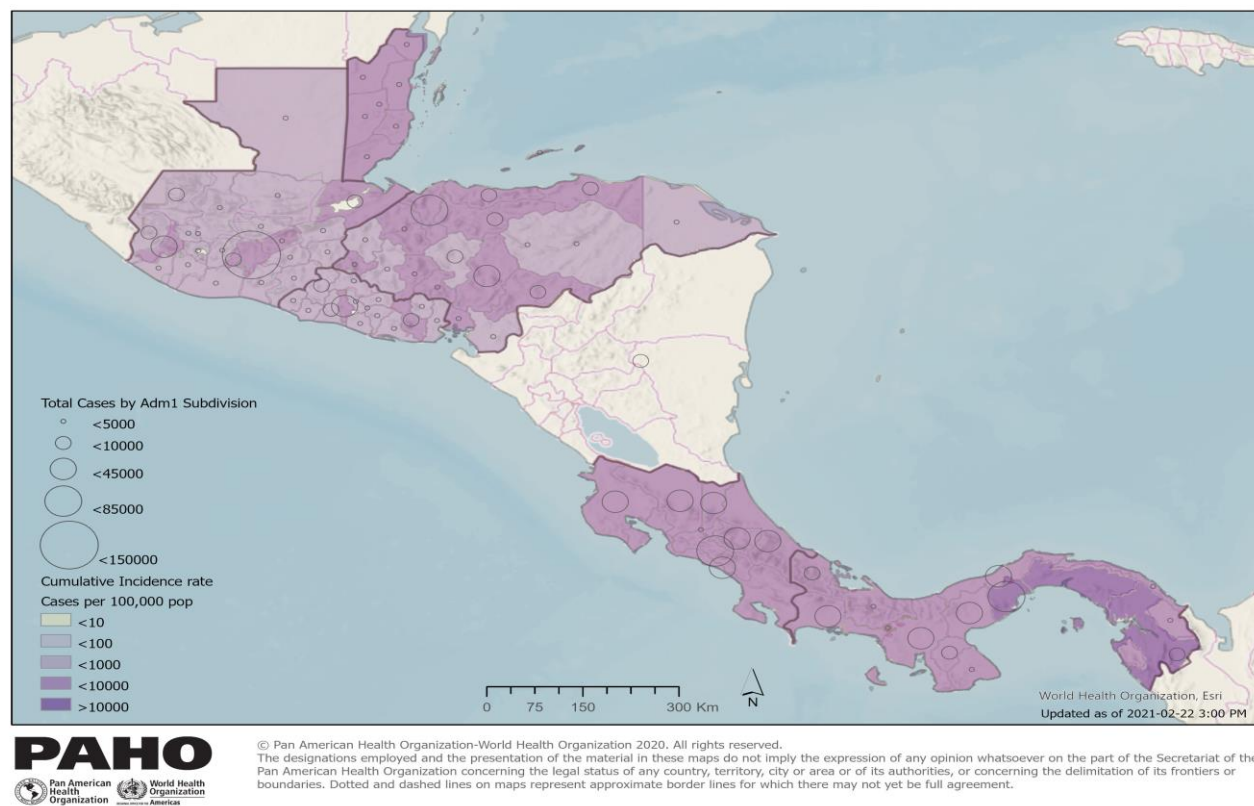
Notes:

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

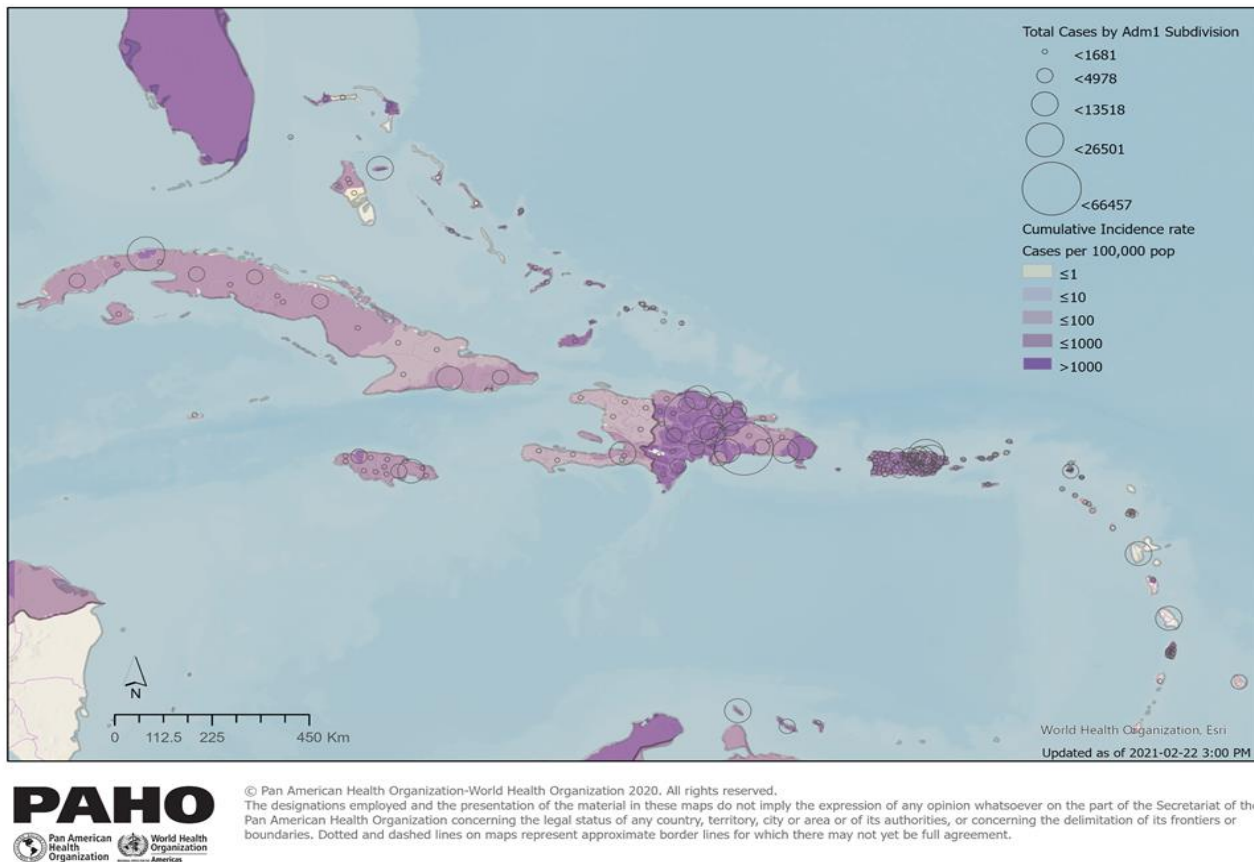
Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory. As of 22 February 2021.



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 February 2021.












































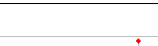






















































Map 3. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 22 February 2021.



COVID-19 situation reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 22 February 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		845,652	-8%		21,674	-28%	792,603	Community transmission
	Mexico		2,041,380	-20%		180,107	-26%	1,595,320	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)		27,828,370	-17%		495,275	-38%	11,926,446	Community transmission
	Subtotal		30,715,402			697,056		14,314,369	
Central America	Belize		12,244	-8%		314	-86%	11,749	Community transmission
	Costa Rica		202,466	0%		2,777	50%	171,776	Community transmission
	El Salvador		59,235	-12%		1,807	-2%	54,324	Community transmission
	Guatemala		171,289	-6%		6,306	-32%	158,501	Community transmission
	Honduras		165,095	-12%		3,996	-10%	64,678	Community transmission
	Nicaragua		5,106	14%		172	0%	4,883	Community transmission
	Panama		336,521	-15%		5,742	-32%	320,668	Community transmission
	Subtotal		951,956			21,114		786,579	
South America	Argentina		2,069,751	-3%		51,359	5%	1,872,213	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		242,292	-37%		11,441	-41%	185,155	Community transmission
	Brazil		10,168,174	8%		246,504	-6%	9,095,483	Community transmission
	Chile		803,009	-3%		20,126	-12%	760,577	Community transmission
	Colombia		2,226,262	-17%		58,834	-24%	2,120,366	Community transmission
	Ecuador		274,968	-20%		15,547	-44%	238,817	Community transmission
	Paraguay		151,718	30%		3,065	17%	126,919	Community transmission
	Peru		1,283,309	-1%		45,097	0%	1,183,238	Community transmission
	Uruguay		52,815	9%		574	-13%	46,265	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		136,068	-8%		1,316	-20%	128,088	Community transmission
	Subtotal		17,408,366			453,863		15,757,121	

Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		18	-100%			15 Sporadic cases	
	Antigua and Barbuda		614	68%		14	150%	222 Sporadic cases
	Aruba		7,674	37%		71	-50%	7,323 Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)		8,471	9%		179	-100%	7,181 Clusters of cases
	Barbados		2,772	-10%		31	17%	1,970 Community transmission
	Bermuda		699	33%		12	0%	679 Sporadic cases
	Bonaire		402	140%		4	-100%	369 Community transmission
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		428	9%		2	0%	394 Sporadic cases
	Cuba		45,361	15%		300	7%	40,037 Community transmission
	Curacao		4,687	0%		22	-100%	4,606 Community transmission
	Dominica		134	-100%				121 Sporadic cases
	Dominican Republic (the)		235,882	-17%		3,048	-23%	185,964 Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the)		49	-100%				29 Sporadic cases
	French Guiana		16,529	-54%		83	200%	9,995 Community transmission
	Grenada		148	0%		1	0%	147 Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe		9,610	1%		163	200%	2,242 Community transmission
	Guyana		8,420	-24%		189	-50%	7,733 Clusters of cases
	Haiti		12,309	-59%		247	-100%	9,529 Community transmission
	Jamaica		21,679	18%		399	5%	12,988 Community transmission
	Martinique		6,646	-26%		45	0%	98 Community transmission
	Montserrat		20	-100%		1	0%	11 Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico		99,257	-15%		1,983	97%	89,496 Community transmission
	Saba		6	0%				6 No cases
	Saint Barthelemy		533	16%				94 Clusters of cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		41	-100%				39 Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia		3,135	25%		32	125%	2,675 Community transmission
	Saint Martin		1,519	-20%		12	0%	598 Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		24	0%				23 Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		1,505	-69%		6	-100%	835 Community transmission
	Sint Eustatius		20	0%				20 No cases
	Sint Maarten		2,033	-44%		27	0%	1,955 Community transmission
	Suriname		8,868	-51%		168	-60%	8,338 Community transmission
	Trinidad and Tobago		7,682	54%		139	-67%	7,411 Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos		2,029	-12%		14	-75%	1,721 Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)		153	-100%		1	0%	150 Clusters of Cases
	Virgin Islands (US)		2,579	-51%		25	-100%	2,465 Community transmission
		Subtotal		511,936		7,218		407,479
Total			49,587,660		1,179,251		31,265,548	

Legend

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

Table notes on the next page.

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 22 February 2021, PAHO/WHO included data for 21 and 22 February in order to align with data reported by the Argentina Ministry of Health. This raised the total number of new cases and new deaths for 22 February; without this adjustment, the daily totals for 21 and 22 February are 3,709 cases including 76 deaths and 5,417 cases including 161 deaths, respectively. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3ul6fSp> and <https://bit.ly/2NIYwTF>

Bahamas: According to a 21 February 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 February 2021 Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 47 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 19 February. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3tSA1xL>

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data posted as of 21 February 2021 is 364,698 by RT-PCR + 78,276 by antigen tests + 840,335 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); 91,680 were positive by RT-PCR and 7,577 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-February (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>. Recovered counts as reported by state and territorial health authorities, available at the COVID Tracking Project <https://bit.ly/2ztbRC6>

Uruguay: According to the 21 February 2021 Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, 2 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total, available at: <https://bit.ly/2NP8HzM>

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 18-21 February indicating 8,419 cases, and 7,168 recovered; 8,453 cases, 7,181 recovered; and 8,462 cases respectively. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3btY9>

Costa Rica: The Costa Rica MoH retrospectively released data for 21 February 2021, indicating, 202,227 cases including 2,771 deaths and 170,613 recovered, this has been retrospectively adjusted in the Americas 21 February 2021 table, the relative increase in cases is based on the prior date adjustments.