

Region of the Americas Update

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Last 24 hours

266,499	Additional cases
2,576	Additional deaths
0.73%	Relative increase in cases
0.29%	Relative increase in deaths
39	Countries/territories reporting new cases
20	Countries/territories reporting new deaths

Highest numbers of cases & deaths in the last 24 hrs

Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	211,444
Brazil	17,341
Colombia	9,412
Canada	6,578
Argentina	5,884
Mexico	5,211
Chile	2,450
Panama	1,972
Peru	1,376

Deaths (≥ 100)

United States	1,407
Mexico	362
Brazil	293
Colombia	200
Argentina	107

COVID-19 – Highlights

- In light of the increase in COVID-19 cases, the [Government of Barbados](#) has been working to ensure that the island is prepared to handle the situation as it evolves. The Chairman of Cabinet's COVID-19 Sub-Committee indicated that they have 50,000 to 60,000 swabs available and over 100,000 rapid test PCR kits available.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published updated information titled [Strategies for Protecting K-12 School Staff from COVID-19](#) and a list of [Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camps](#).
- The [PAHO/WHO](#) donated a video laryngoscope to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority (KHMHA) in Belize to strengthen the clinical management response, specifically for the care of persons with severe COVID-19 and needing intubation.

Region of the Americas

36,943,389 cases

878,708 deaths

Global

84,178,360 cases

1,842,337 deaths

216

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	20,470,169	348,962	1.7%
Brazil	7,733,746	196,018	2.5%
Colombia	1,675,820	43,965	2.6%
Argentina	1,640,718	43,482	2.7%
Mexico	1,448,755	127,213	8.8%
Peru	1,019,475	37,830	3.7%
Chile	620,641	16,767	2.7%
Canada	601,663	15,865	2.6%
Panama	253,736	4,140	1.6%
Ecuador	215,080	14,069	6.5%
Dominican Republic	173,331	2,418	1.4%
Costa Rica	169,321	2,185	1.3%
Bolivia	162,661	9,201	5.7%
Guatemala	138,656	4,835	3.5%
Honduras	123,369	3,180	2.6%
Venezuela	114,230	1,034	0.9%
Paraguay	109,073	2,292	2.1%
Puerto Rico	78,805	1,555	2.0%
El Salvador	47,087	1,364	2.9%
Uruguay	20,823	204	1.0%

International traffic-related measures adopted by States Parties in the Americas in response to the detection of SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01

current as of 4 January 2021, 15h00 EST –

No updates with respect to the information published on [3 January 2021](#))

On 14 December 2020, the authorities of the United Kingdom reported to WHO a new SARS-CoV-2 variant (SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01), identified through viral genomic sequencing. Starting on 18 December 2020, WHO shared that information with authorities across the globe, through dedicated channels established under the International Health Regulations (IHR), as well with the public through the WHO web site.^{1,2}

The table below summarizes international traffic-related measures adopted by States Parties to the IHR in the Region of the Americas in response to the detection of the SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 variant. The table will be maintained up to date.

Measures adopted are consistent with current Temporary Recommendations,³ issued by the Director-General of WHO in the context of the Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), determined on 30 January 2020 according to IHR provisions.

State Party issuing measures	Hyperlinked description of measures and language of publication ⁴	Date information about measures published on governmental web pages/social media accounts	State/s Party/ies concerned by measures issued
Argentina	Spanish Spanish	20-Dec-20 24-Dec-20 (?)	United Kingdom Australia, Denmark, Italy, The Netherlands
Bolivia	Spanish	22-Dec-20	All European countries
Brazil	Portuguese	25-Dec-20	United Kingdom
Canada	English ⁵ English	23-Dec-20 31-Dec-20	United Kingdom All countries
Chile	Spanish Spanish	20-Dec-20 29-Dec-20	United Kingdom All countries
Colombia ⁶	Spanish	20-Dec-20	United Kingdom
Dominican Republic	Spanish	21-Dec-20	United Kingdom
Ecuador	Spanish	21-Dec-20	Australia, Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom, and Member States of the European Union
El Salvador	Spanish	20-Dec-20	Republic of South Africa and United Kingdom
Grenada	English	21-Dec-20	United Kingdom
Guatemala	Spanish	21-Dec-20	Republic of South Africa and United Kingdom
Honduras	Spanish ⁷	22-Dec-20	Republic of South Africa and United Kingdom
Jamaica	English	31-Dec-20	United Kingdom
Panama	Spanish	21-Dec-20	United Kingdom
Paraguay	Spanish	21-Dec-20	United Kingdom
Peru	Spanish Spanish	22-Dec-20 31-Dec-20	The Netherlands, Spain, and United Kingdom All countries
Saint Kitts and Nevis	English (video)	23-Dec-20	United Kingdom
Trinidad and Tobago	English	21-Dec-20	United Kingdom
United States	English	24-Dec-20	United Kingdom

¹ <https://www.who.int/csr/don/21-december-2020-sars-cov2-variant-united-kingdom/en/>

² <https://www.who.int/csr/don/31-december-2020-sars-cov2-variants/en/>

³ [https://www.who.int/news/item/30-10-2020-statement-on-the-fifth-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-\(2005\)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-coronavirus-disease-\(covid-19\)-pandemic](https://www.who.int/news/item/30-10-2020-statement-on-the-fifth-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-(2005)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-coronavirus-disease-(covid-19)-pandemic)

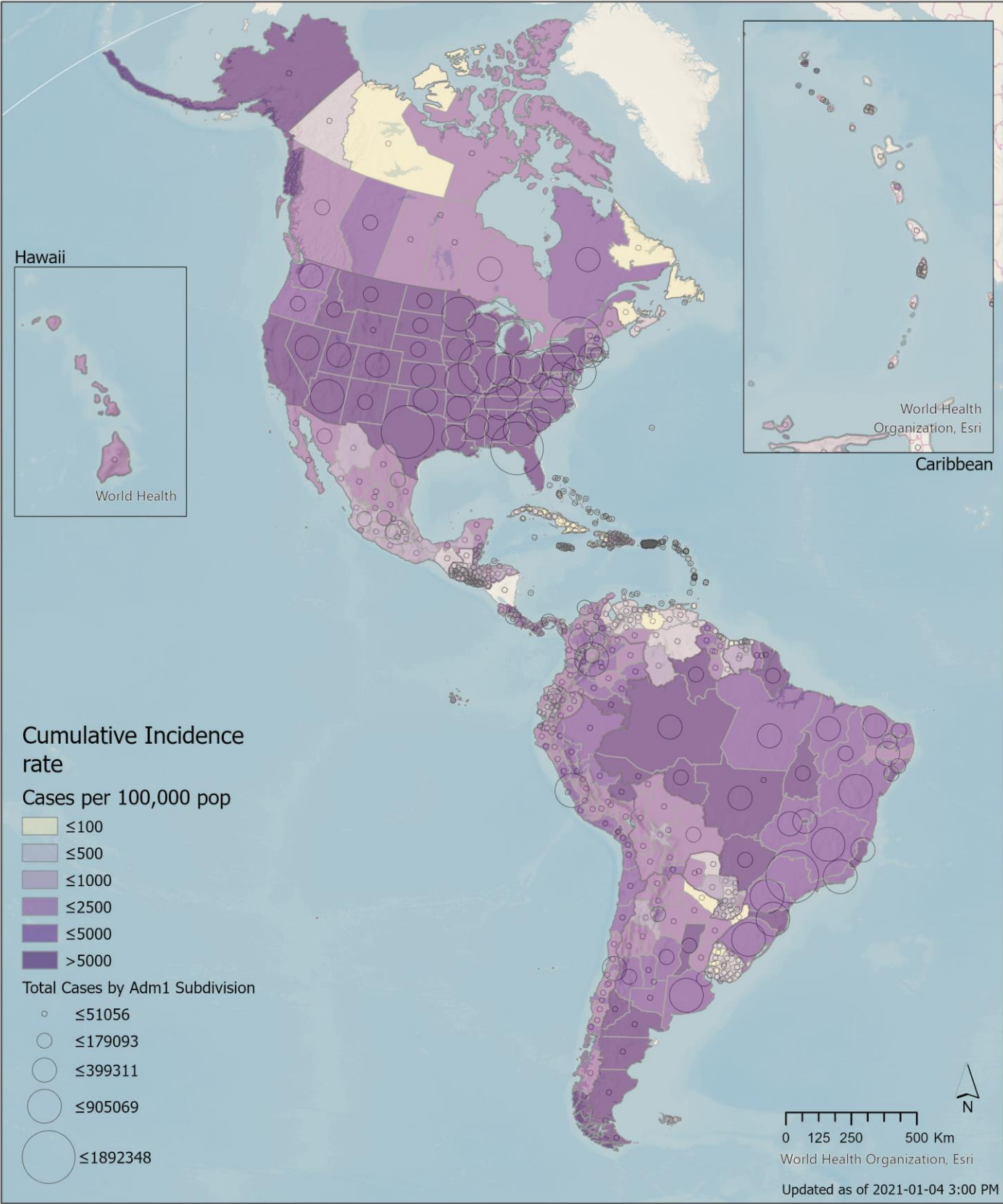
⁴ All hyperlinks were accessed on 3 January 2021, with the exception of ⁷

⁵ Also reported to PAHO/WHO by the National IHR Focal Point of Canada

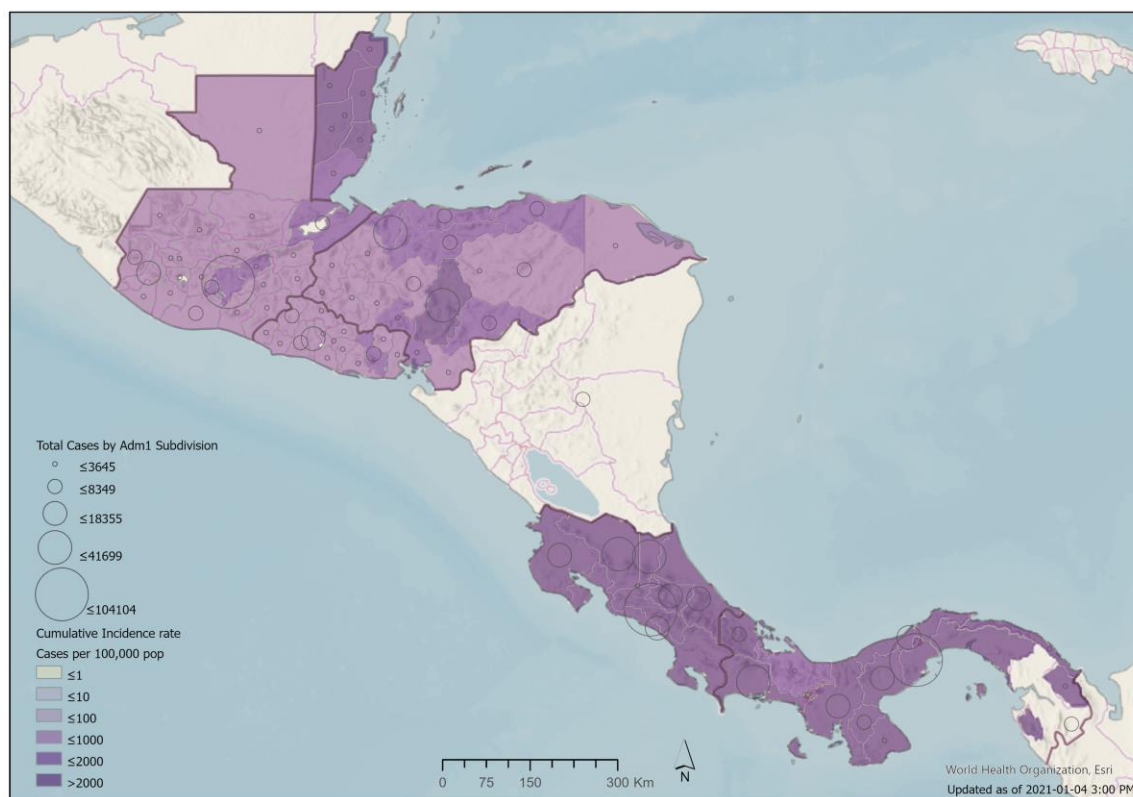
⁶ Also reported to PAHO/WHO by the National IHR Focal Point of Colombia

⁷ Hyperlink not accessible on 4 January 2021

Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory. As of 4 January 2020.

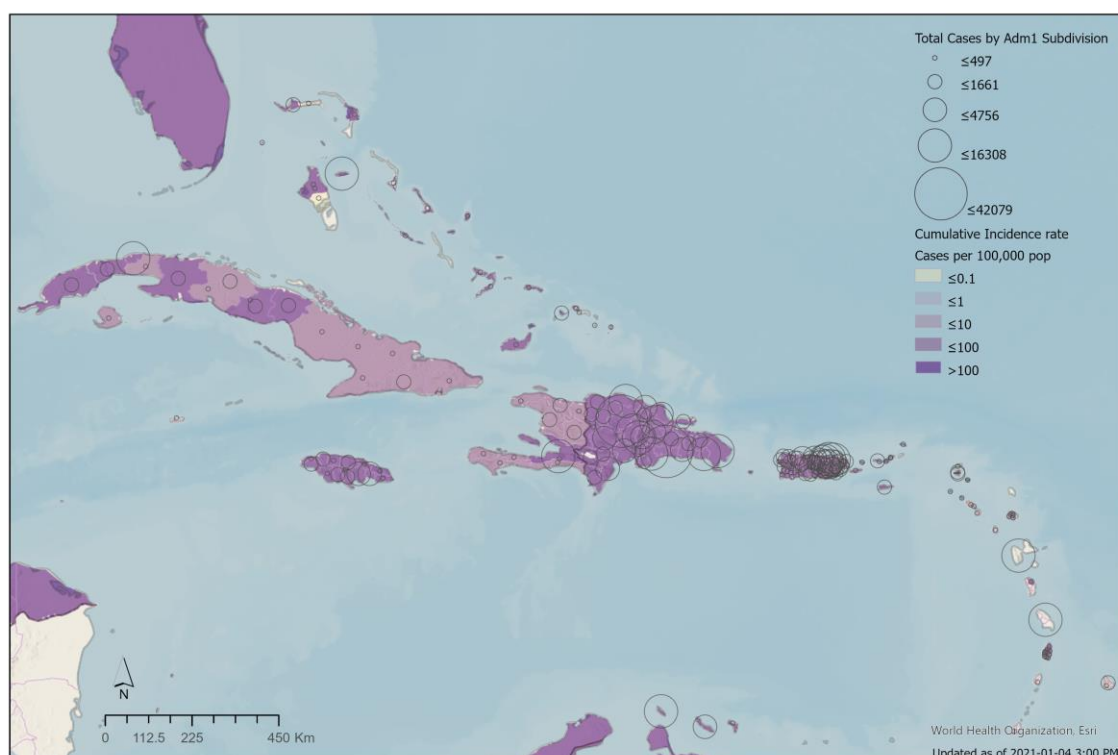


Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 4 January 2020.



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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 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 4 January 2020.



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Cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 4 January 2021

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	% Relative Increase in Cases	Transmission Type
North America	Canada	601,663	15,865	504,976	1%	Community transmission
	Mexico	1,448,755	127,213	1,098,431	0%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)	20,470,169	348,962	8,269,284	1%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	22,520,587	492,040	9,872,691	1%	
Central America	Belize	10,901	250	9,994	1%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica	169,321	2,185	131,923	0%	Community transmission
	El Salvador	47,087	1,364	42,004	1%	Community transmission
	Guatemala	138,656	4,835	127,797	0%	Community transmission
	Honduras	123,369	3,180	57,348	0%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua	4,829	165	4,609	0%	Community transmission
	Panama	253,736	4,140	201,816	1%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	747,899	16,119	575,491	0%	
South America	Argentina	1,640,718	43,482	1,452,960	0%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)	162,661	9,201	133,247	0%	Community transmission
	Brazil	7,733,746	196,018	6,813,008	0%	Community transmission
	Chile	620,641	16,767	586,900	0%	Community transmission
	Colombia	1,675,820	43,965	1,542,353	1%	Community transmission
	Ecuador	215,080	14,069	190,350	0%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	109,073	2,292	84,837	0%	Community transmission
	Peru	1,019,475	37,830	958,682	0%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	20,823	204	15,125	3%	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	114,230	1,034	108,268	0%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	13,312,267	364,862	11,885,730	0%	
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	15		8	0%	Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	160	5	148	1%	Sporadic cases
	Aruba	5,564	49	5,209	2%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)	7,924	175	6,239	0%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	606	7	324	53%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	622	10	478	0%	Clusters of cases
	Bonaire	217	3	156	32%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	338	2	294	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cuba	12,740	147	10,837	3%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	4,317	16	3,170	2%	Community transmission
	Dominica	96		87	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	173,331	2,418	132,935	0%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	29		17	0%	Sporadic cases
	French Guiana	13,374	72	9,995	1%	Community transmission
	Grenada	163	1	143	22%	Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe	8,702	155	2,242	1%	Community transmission
	Guyana	6,358	164	5,899	0%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	10,127	236	8,657	0%	Community transmission
	Jamaica	13,203	304	10,973	1%	Community transmission
	Martinique	6,117	43	98	0%	Community transmission
	Montserrat	13	1	11	0%	No Cases
	Puerto Rico	78,805	1,555	0	1%	Community transmission
	Saba	5		5	0%	No Cases
	Saint Barthelemy	191		94	1%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	33		31	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia	353	5	289	0%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Martin	1,002	12	598	1%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	16		14	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	124		100	0%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Eustatius	19		19	0%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten	1,462	27	1,360	2%	Community transmission
	Suriname	6,393	123	5,883	1%	Cluster of cases
	Trinidad and Tobago	7,168	127	6,690	0%	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos	910	6	783	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)	97	1	84	4%	Clusters of Cases
	Virgin Islands (US)	2,042	23	1,920	0%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	362,636	5,687	215,790	1%	
Total		36,943,389	878,708	22,549,702	1%	

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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.

Bahamas: According to a 2 January 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/39Pt7lj>

Jamaica: According to a 1 January 2021 Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 24 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3nf76iY>

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 28 December. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pw7ZVR>

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data is (235,578 by RT-PCR + 782,521 by 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); 73,957 were positive by RT-PCR and 4,848 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 4-January (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>.

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

Bahamas: Data was retrospectively adjusted for 1, 2, and 3 January in order to align with data reported by the Bahamas Ministry of Health indicating 7,887 cases, 171 deaths, and 6,239 recovered; 7899 cases; and 7914 cases and 175 deaths respectively. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2WCbQUX>

Canada: Data was retrospectively adjusted for 1, 2 and 3 January in order to align with data reported by the Public Health Agency of Canada indicating 581,402 cases, 15,605 deaths and 489,811 recovered; 588,277 cases, 15,741 deaths and 492,277 recovered, and 595,085 cases, 15,824 deaths and 495,081 recovered, respectively.