

Region of the Americas Update

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Last 24 hours

235,441	Additional cases
2,242	Additional deaths
0.83%	Relative increase in cases
0.30%	Relative increase in deaths
40	Countries/territories reporting new cases
21	Countries/territories reporting new deaths

Highest numbers of cases & deaths in the last 24 hrs

Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	173,388
Brazil	26,363
Colombia	8,854
Mexico	7,455
Canada	6,261
Argentina	3,278
Panama	1,812
Chile	1,760
Peru	1,224

Deaths (≥ 100)

United States	1,107
Brazil	313
Mexico	261
Colombia	175
Argentina	138

Region of the Americas

28,591,241 cases

753,210 deaths

Global

66,657,499 cases

1,534,660 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	14,570,523	279,913	1.9%
Brazil	6,803,540	176,941	2.7%
Argentina	1,463,110	39,770	2.7%
Colombia	1,371,103	37,808	2.8%
Mexico	1,175,850	109,717	9.3%
Peru	973,912	36,274	3.7%
Chile	562,142	15,663	2.8%
Canada	415,182	12,665	3.1%
Ecuador	198,244	13,780	7.0%
Panama	177,719	3,193	1.8%
Dominican Republic	149,138	2,346	1.6%
Bolivia	145,560	8,995	6.2%
Costa Rica	143,685	1,773	1.2%
Guatemala	125,674	4,274	3.4%
Honduras	111,023	2,946	2.7%
Venezuela	104,442	919	0.9%
Paraguay	87,920	1,853	2.1%
Puerto Rico	57,622	1,203	2.1%
El Salvador	40,345	1,164	2.9%
French Guiana	11,458	71	0.6%

Region of the Americas – Highlights

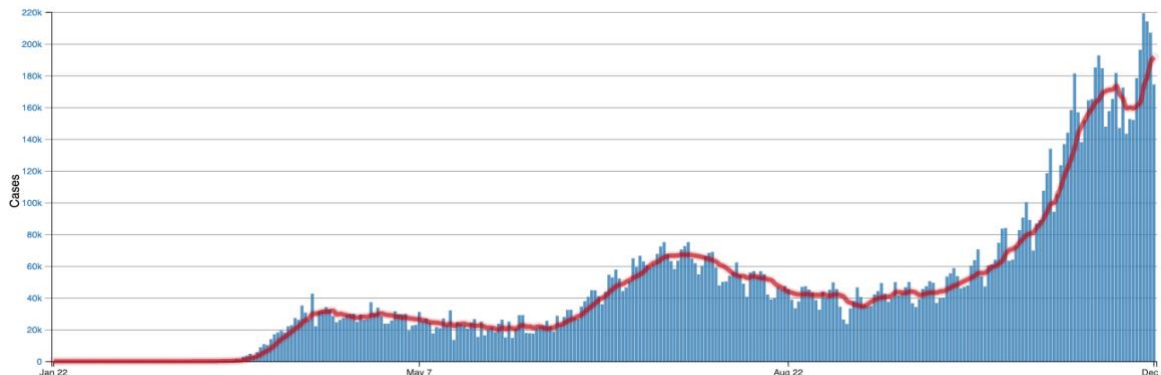
1. The Transmission classification for **St Eustatius** was upgraded from "No cases" to "**Sporadic cases.**"
2. The **Ecuador Ministry of Public Health** announced new guidelines for the [use of rapid antigen tests for COVID-19](#) in order to provide results in a timely manner and reduce the current speed of community transmission of COVID-19. These tests may be presented for entry into the country which would support economic reactivation.
3. The **Chile Ministry of Health** announced today that the [Metropolitan region will be regressing to "Transition" stage](#) to as a preventative measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to avoid a return to quarantine stage. The increase in new cases in the region was 18%. Some regions will be returning to quarantine stage as of 10 December.

SPOTLIGHT – COVID-19 in The United States of America

From the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID Data Tracker as of 7 December 2020](#):

Confirmed Cases: As of 7 December, there are 14,570,523 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States (US). There have been 200,625,579 total tests reported of which 16,198,733 were positive (8.07%). Of the total cases, 5,569,440 have recovered to date. The average daily cases in the last seven days is 58.6 per 100,000 population. There has been a general increase in daily reported cases since mid-September. (see **Figure 1.**) There are also 254,581 confirmed cases among healthcare personnel and 875 confirmed deaths.

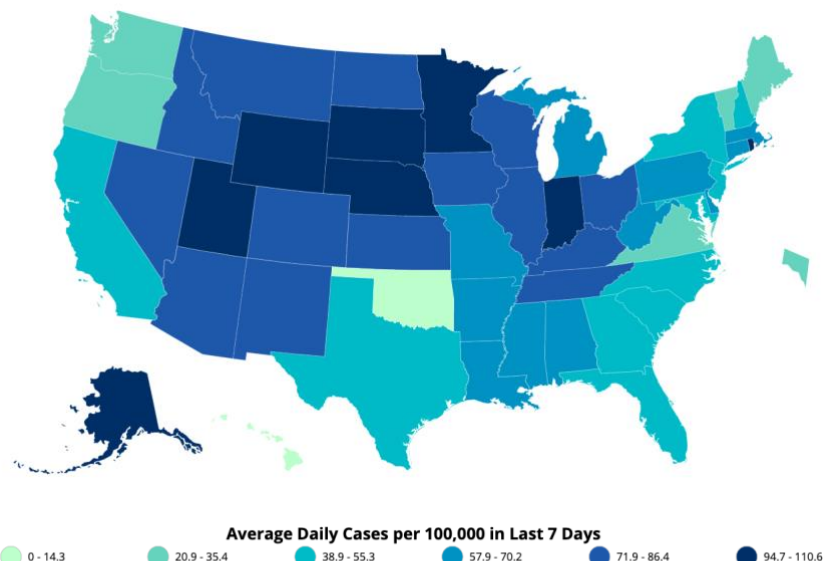
Figure 1. COVID-19 Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States and 7-Day moving average



Geographic Distribution: States with 7-day percent positivity, 21-30%, are Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, and Oklahoma. States with the highest average daily cases per 100,000 population are Rhode Island (110.6), Indiana (103.1), Nebraska (99), South Dakota (98.6), Utah (97.6), Minnesota (96.5), Alaska (95), and Wyoming (94.7). (See **Figure 2.**)

Deaths: There are 279,913 confirmed deaths of COVID-19 in the United States. South Dakota had the highest death rate reported in US, at 2.7 deaths per 100,000 population, followed by North Dakota (1.8), Nebraska (1.6), Iowa (1.4), Illinois (1.4), and New Mexico (1.4).

Figure 2. US COVID-19 Average Daily Case Rate in Last 7 Days, by State/Territory (cases per 100,000 population)

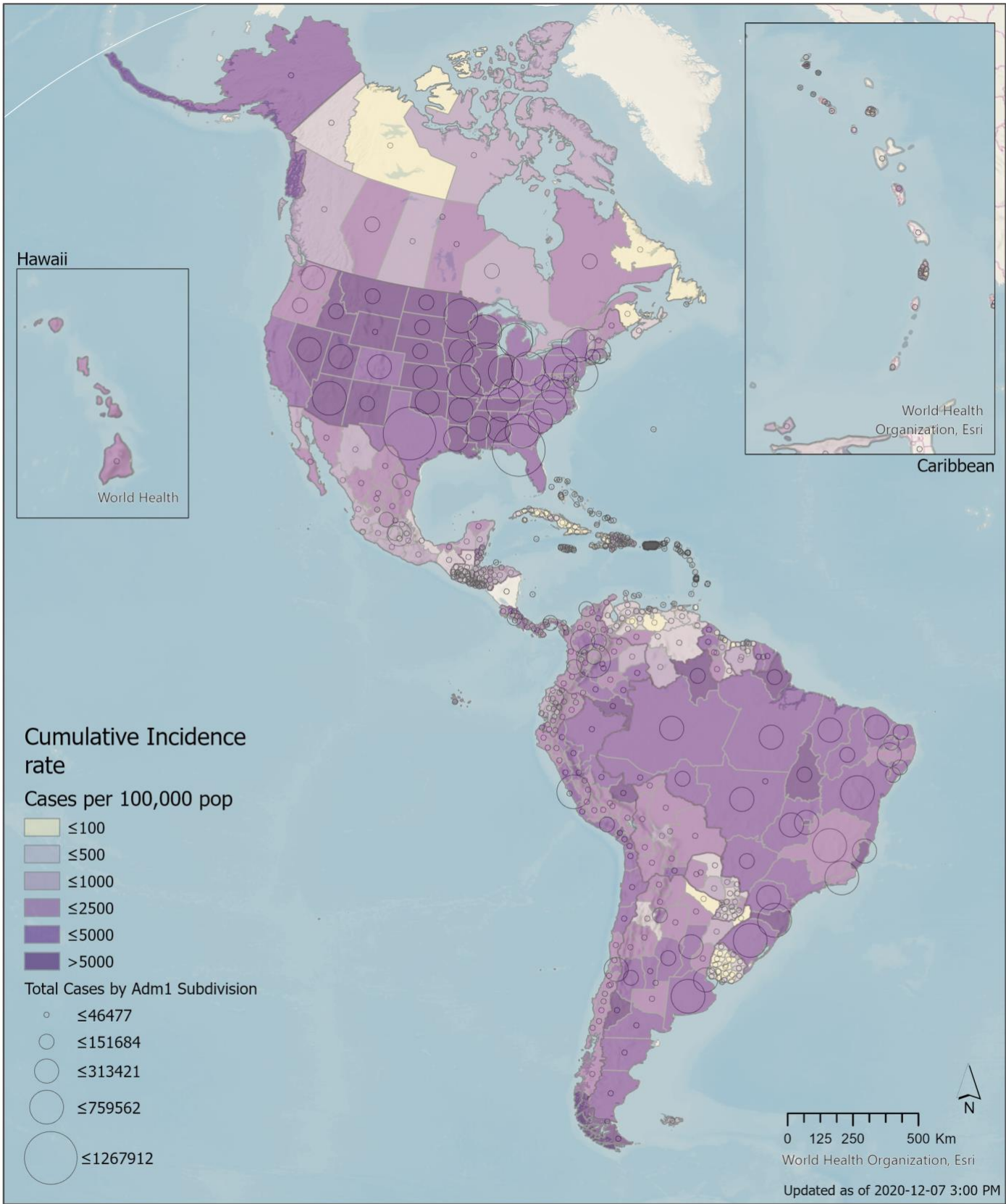


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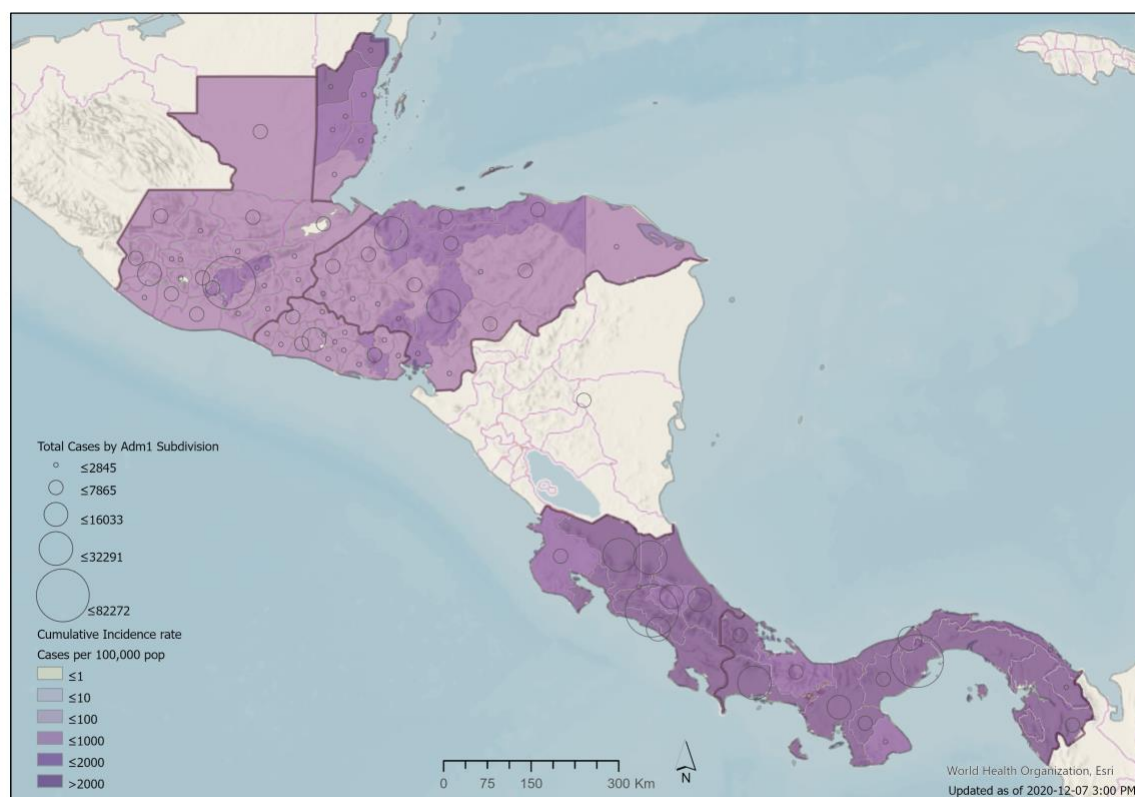
Cases and Deaths: Just over half (51.2%) of COVID-19 cases are among females; the largest proportion of cases by age were among young adults 18 to 29 years (23.4%), followed by 20.5% among 50 to 64 years, 16.5%

among 30 to 39 years, and 15.1% among 40 to 49 years; 52.7% of cases are among White, Non-Hispanic, 24% are among Hispanic/Latino, and 13.8% are Black, Non-Hispanic. With regards to COVID-19 deaths, over half (53.8%) are among males; the largest proportion of deaths by age were among older adults and decreased with age as follows: 85 years and over (32.5%), 27% among 75 to 84 years, 20.8% among 65 to 74 years, and 14.8% among 50 to 64 years; 57.7% of deaths are among White, Non-Hispanic, 18.3% are Black, Non-Hispanic, and 14.7% are among Hispanic/Latino.

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 7 December 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 7 December 2020.

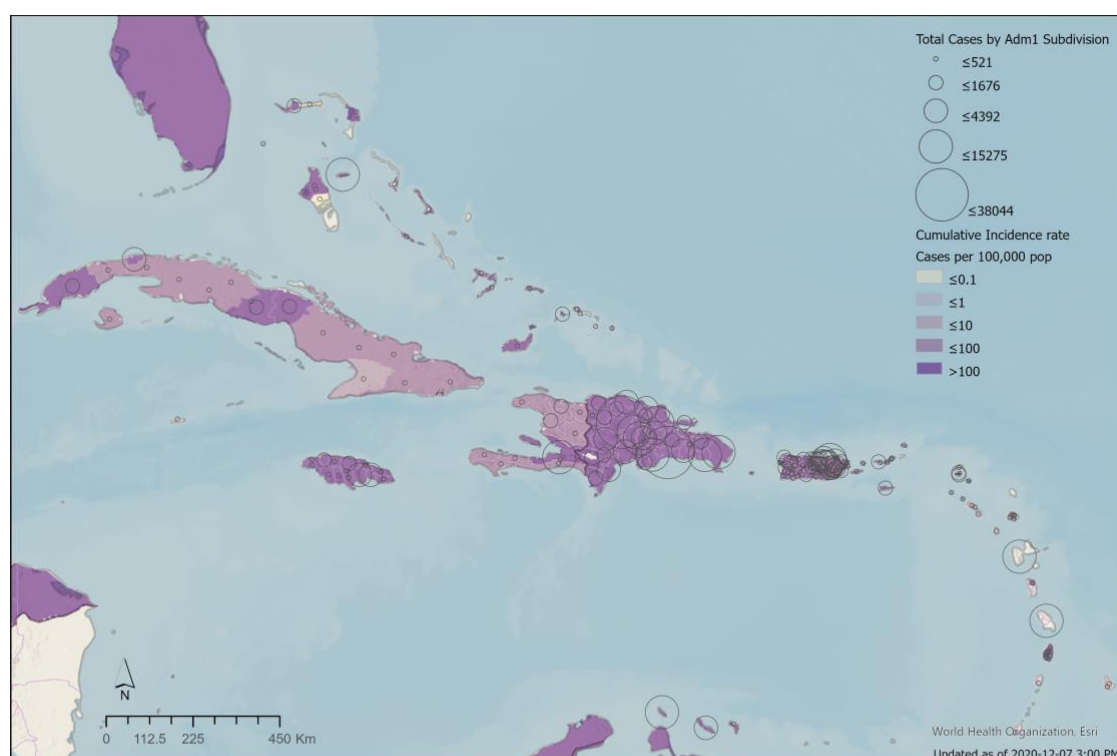


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Map 3. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 7 December 2020.



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Cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 7 December 2020

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	% Relative Increase in Cases	Transmission Type
North America	Canada	415,182	12,665	329,138	2%	Community transmission
	Mexico	1,175,850	109,717	866,186	1%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)	14,570,523	279,913	5,569,440	1%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	16,161,555	402,295	6,764,764	1%	
Central America	Belize	7,769	173	3,849	2%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica	143,685	1,773	95,789	0%	Community transmission
	El Salvador	40,345	1,164	36,735	1%	Community transmission
	Guatemala	125,674	4,274	114,697	0%	Community transmission
	Honduras	111,023	2,946	49,456	0%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua	4,671	161	4,456	0%	Community transmission
	Panama	177,719	3,193	152,890	1%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	610,886	13,684	457,872	0%	
South America	Argentina	1,463,110	39,770	1,294,692	0%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)	145,560	8,995	124,799	0%	Community transmission
	Brazil	6,603,540	176,941	5,776,182	0%	Community transmission
	Chile	562,142	15,663	536,267	0%	Community transmission
	Colombia	1,371,103	37,808	1,257,410	1%	Community transmission
	Ecuador	198,244	13,780	174,188	0%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	87,920	1,853	61,948	1%	Community transmission
	Peru	973,912	36,274	907,654	0%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	7,303	82	5,062	5%	Clusters of cases
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	104,442	919	99,494	0%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	11,517,276	332,085	10,237,696	0%	
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	9		3	29%	Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	146	4	134	1%	Sporadic cases
	Aruba	4,965	45	4,788	1%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)	7,579	163	6,003	0%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	287	7	260	1%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	306	9	222	6%	Clusters of cases
	Bonaire	146	3	139	1%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	290	2	262	1%	Sporadic cases
	Cuba	8,906	136	7,997	1%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	3,136	7	1,337	14%	Community transmission
	Dominica	85		76	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	149,138	2,346	117,402	0%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	17		15	0%	Sporadic cases
	French Guiana	11,458	71	9,995	0%	Community transmission
	Grenada	43		41	0%	Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe	8,451	149	2,242	0%	Community transmission
	Guyana	5,665	153	4,759	0%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	9,399	233	8,148	0%	Community transmission
	Jamaica	11,184	265	7,146	1%	Community transmission
	Martinique	5,553	41	98	1%	Community transmission
	Montserrat	13	1	11	0%	No Cases
	Puerto Rico	57,622	1,203	0	2%	Community transmission
	Saba	5		5	0%	No Cases
	Saint Barthelemy	164		94	8%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	25		21	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia	265	2	165	0%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Martin	838	12	598	13%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	14		14	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	87		80	0%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Eustatius	18		14	29%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten	1,141	25	1,017	3%	Community transmission
	Suriname	5,324	117	5,210	0%	Sporadic cases
	Trinidad and Tobago	6,767	122	5,937	0%	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos	756	6	740	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)	73	1	71	0%	Clusters of Cases
	Virgin Islands (US)	1,649	23	1,517	0%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	301,524	5,146	186,561	1%	
	Total	28,591,241	753,210	17,646,893	1%	

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.

Bahamas: According to a 6 December Bahamas Ministry of Health (MoH) publication, there are a total of 24 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/2IfCjUv>

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>

Jamaica: According to a 7 December Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 31 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/39aUN3Q>

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 2 December. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2T31cEN>

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data is (217,253 by RT-PCR + 756,659 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); 55,680 were positive by RT-PCR and 1,942 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 7-December (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 6 December 2020 Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, there was 1 additional case that tested positive in a foreign national; however, the positive cases has been excluded from the total case count as they returned to their home country, available at: <https://bit.ly/3ISDU0g>

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

Bahamas: Total cases and recovered were retrospectively adjusted for 6 December in order to align with data reported by the Bahamas Ministry of Health indicating 7,579 cases and 5,998 recovered. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3mUIkVQ>