

Region of the Americas Update

Last 24 hours

128,508	Additional cases
2,924	Additional deaths
0.68%	Relative increase in cases
0.48%	Relative increase in deaths
35	Countries /territories reporting new cases
24	Countries/territories reporting new deaths

Highest numbers of cases & deaths in the last 24 hrs

Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	60,155
Brazil	23,227
Argentina	18,735
Colombia	8,256
Mexico	5,788
Peru	3,242
Canada	2,251
Chile	1,159

Deaths (≥ 100)

United States	856
Brazil	661
Mexico	555
Argentina	459
Colombia	170

Region of the Americas – Highlights

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published an article titled [Risk for In-Hospital Complications Associated with COVID-19 and Influenza — Veterans Health Administration, United States, October 1, 2018–May 31, 2020](#) where it is indicated that hospitalized patients with COVID-19 in the Veterans Health Administration had a more than five times higher risk for in-hospital death and increased risk for 17 respiratory and nonrespiratory complications than did hospitalized patients with influenza.
2. As regional borders re-open, [Caribbean Airlines](#) has implemented the most stringent hygiene practices, adhering to all current international guidelines; customers (including children) may be subject to temperature checks and a negative PCR test depending on the destination country.
3. The [Ministry of Health of Ecuador](#) indicates that an agreement was reached with Pfizer Ecuador and BioNTech to receive the candidate vaccine against SARS-CoV-2. Ecuador would access to 2 million doses in 2021.

Region of the Americas

19,040,071 cases

613,399 deaths

Global

40,793,946 cases

1,124,767 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	8,184,788	219,497	2.7%
Brazil	5,273,954	154,837	2.9%
Argentina	1,021,397	27,175	2.7%
Colombia	974,139	29,272	3.0%
Peru	874,118	33,875	3.9%
Mexico	860,714	86,893	10.1%
Chile	495,637	13,719	2.8%
Canada	203,688	9,794	4.8%
Ecuador	154,115	12,404	8.0%
Bolivia	140,037	8,526	6.1%
Panama	125,739	2,585	2.1%
Dominican Republic	122,398	2,206	1.8%
Guatemala	102,415	3,567	3.5%
Costa Rica	97,922	1,222	1.2%
Honduras	90,232	2,582	2.9%
Venezuela	87,644	747	0.9%
Puerto Rico	58,830	774	1.3%
Paraguay	56,073	1,231	2.2%
El Salvador	32,120	933	2.9%
French Guiana	10,268	69	0.7%

SPOTLIGHT – COVID-19 in The Bahamas

As of 21 October, the Government of the Bahamas Ministry of Health reported 6,051 cases, 127 deaths, and 3,633 recovered cases of COVID-19. The Transmission Type in the country is Cluster of Cases.

From the [Bahamas PAHO/WHO Country Office Situation Report, 9 October](#)

As of 9 October, a total of 4,864 cases of COVID-19 including 102 deaths have been reported in the Bahamas. Among the total confirmed cases, 76% of the deaths (78) were from the island of New Providence. A total of 2,646 cases have recovered while another 2,084 cases remain active including 109 cases who are currently hospitalized.

To date, a total of 23,971 real time PCR (RT-PCR) tests have been conducted.

Currently, New Providence is the epicenter for COVID-19 in the Bahamas. Heightened concern remains in the Bahamas due to on-going reports of new confirmed cases and deaths, increased hospitalizations, and limited bed capacity in New Providence. In addition, workplace exposure to COVID-19 are increasing. Between 2 and 9 October, a total of 644 new cases including 6 deaths were reported in the country. Of those, 87% were from New Providence. COVID-19 transmission investigations are on-going; the most recent investigations are in the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) and Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre (SRC).

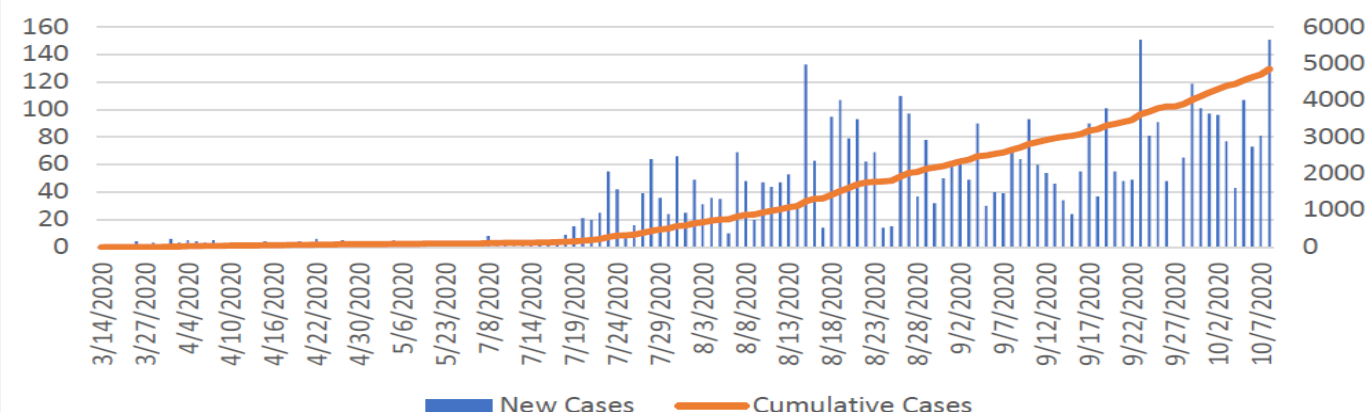
The daily reported cases and deaths have been increasing in the Bahamas since July (Figure 1).

The Bahamas

Island	Confirmed cases	Deaths
New Providence	3660	78
Grand Bahama	653	17
Abaco	157	2
Berry Islands	17	1
Bimini	54	2
Cat Island	9	0
Eleuthera	25	1
Exuma	33	1
Inagua	19	0
Acklins	7	0
Long Island	12	0
Crooked Island	5	0
Andros	9	0
Mayaguana	3	0
Pending	201	0
TOTAL	4864	102

Figure 1 Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in The Bahamas by report date

Data as of 8th October 2020 (N=4864)

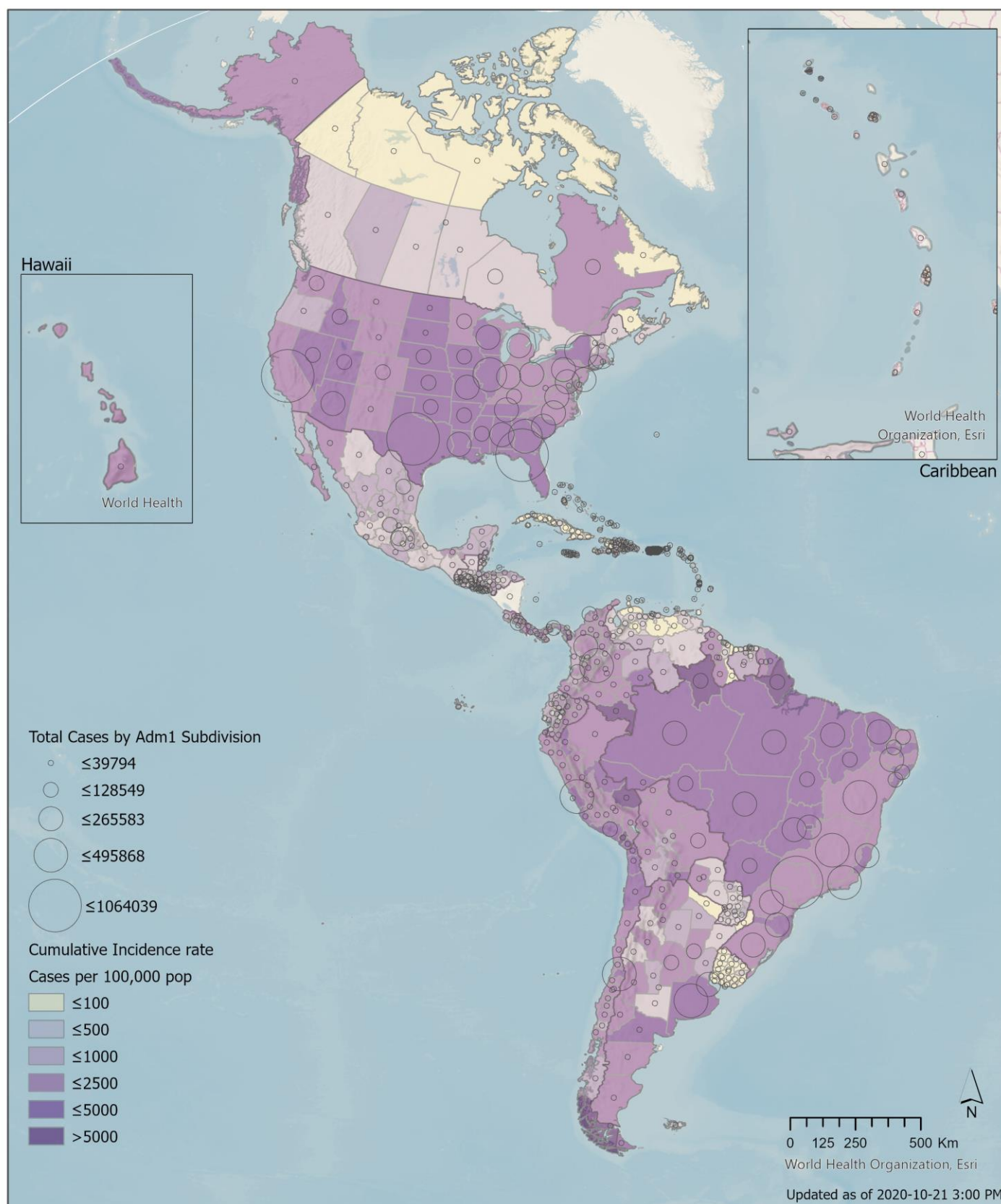


The current gaps and challenges with respect of COVID-19 in the country are:

- COVID-19 testing has been expanded in both the public and private sectors to cope with increased demands for testing; however, coordination and timely receipt of results from all laboratories are new challenges.
- Surge in travel-related cases and virus transmission among nationals and residents occurred after the re-opening of international borders.
- Impact on service delivery due to COVID-19 exposures, infections, quarantine of frontline health workers, security services, and other sector workers.

The PAHO/WHO office has been providing updated technical guidelines and technical assistance. PAHO has advised on contact tracing and data management.

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 21 October 2020



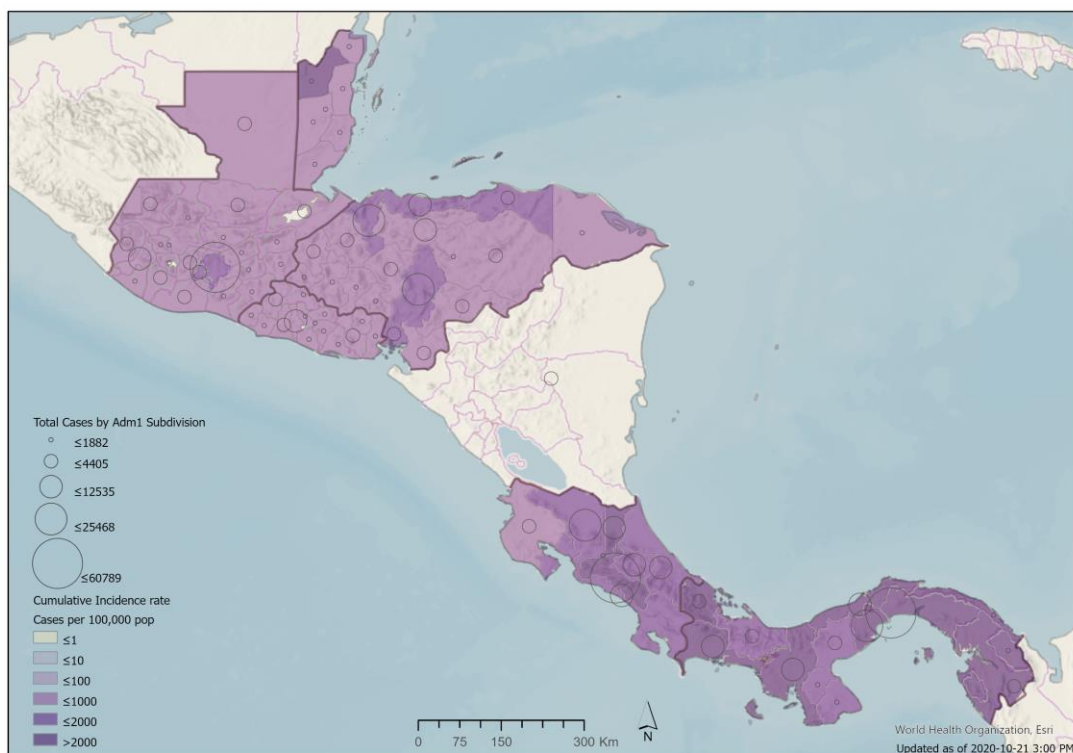
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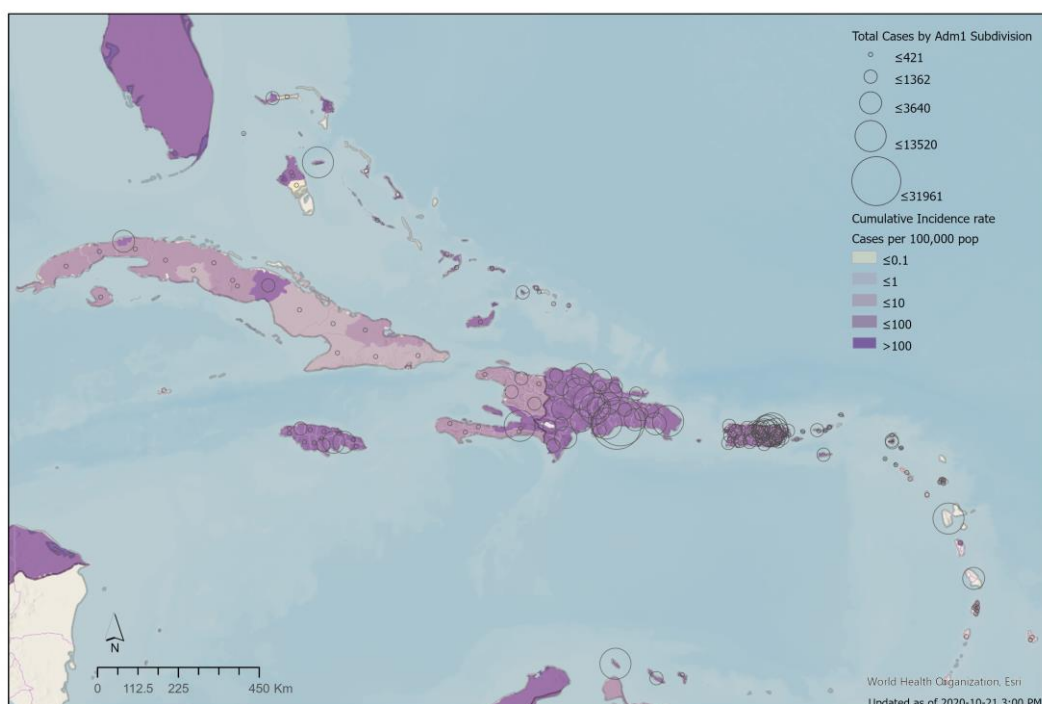
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Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 21 October 2020.



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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 21 October 2020



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Cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 21 October 2020

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	% Relative Increase in Cases	Transmission Type
North America	Canada	203,688	9,794	171,743	1%	Community transmission
	Mexico	860,714	86,893	627,584	1%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)	8,184,788	219,497	3,265,800	1%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	9,249,190	316,184	4,065,127	1%	
Central America	Belize	2,886	45	1,727	2%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica	97,922	1,222	60,109	1%	Community transmission
	El Salvador	32,120	933	27,670	0%	Community transmission
	Guatemala	102,415	3,567	92,149	0%	Community transmission
	Honduras	90,232	2,582	35,930	1%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua	4,362	155	4,126	0%	Community transmission
	Panama	125,739	2,585	102,028	0%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	455,676	11,089	323,739	1%	
South America	Argentina	1,021,397	27,175	829,647	2%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)	140,037	8,526	105,526	0%	Community transmission
	Brazil	5,273,954	154,837	4,721,593	0%	Community transmission
	Chile	495,637	13,719	468,269	0%	Community transmission
	Colombia	974,139	29,272	876,731	1%	Community transmission
	Ecuador	154,115	12,404	134,187	0%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	56,073	1,231	37,167	1%	Community transmission
	Peru	874,118	33,875	788,494	0%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	2,623	52	2,142	2%	Clusters of cases
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	87,644	747	80,963	1%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	9,079,737	281,838	8,044,719	1%	
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	3		3	0%	No Cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	122	3	107	3%	Sporadic cases
	Aruba	4,355	34	4,065	0%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)	6,051	127	3,633	2%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	222	7	205	0%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	188	9	174	0%	Sporadic cases
	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba	150	3	141	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	235	1	214	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cuba	6,368	127	5,814	1%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	759	1	466	1%	Community transmission
	Dominica	33		29	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	122,398	2,206	100,051	0%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	13		13	0%	No Cases
	French Guiana	10,268	69	9,995	0%	Community transmission
	Grenada	27		24	0%	No Cases
	Guadeloupe	7,329	115	2,199	3%	Community transmission
	Guyana	3,796	114	2,796	1%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	8,979	231	7,303	0%	Community transmission
	Jamaica	8,445	174	4,016	1%	Community transmission
	Martinique	2,794	27	98	23%	Community transmission
	Montserrat	13	1	11	0%	No Cases
	Puerto Rico	58,830	774	0	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Barthelemy	72		55	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	19		19	0%	No Cases
	Saint Lucia	38		27	6%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Martin	531	8	380	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	16		12	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	68		64	0%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten	762	22	675	1%	Community transmission
	Suriname	5,144	109	4,979	0%	Community transmission
	Trinidad and Tobago	5,333	98	3,758	1%	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos	698	6	688	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)	72	1	70	0%	Clusters of Cases
	Virgin Islands (US)	1,337	21	1,303	0%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	255,468	4,288	153,387	1%	
	Total	19,040,071	613,399	12,586,972	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.

To date, rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) based on antibody detection are not recommended for use by WHO in clinical diagnosis.

Data is updated on an approximately semi-weekly to weekly basis for Guadeloupe, Martinique, Nicaragua, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin, and Saint Pierre and Miquelon."

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 21 October (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>.

Bahamas: According to a 20 October Bahamas Ministry of Health (MoH) publication, there are a total of 14 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/2Ho4sYA>

Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba: The current transmission classification is Sporadic cases for Bonaire and Sint Eustatius, and No cases for Saba. The highest classification for all three islands is used by PAHO/WHO, designated as Sporadic cases. According to the Netherlands IHR National Focal Point (NFP) report provided on 21 October, there are 131 confirmed cases including 3 deaths and 123 recovered cases in Bonaire; 14 confirmed cases including no deaths and 13 recovered cases in Sint Eustatius; and 5 confirmed cases including no deaths and 5 recovered cases in Saba.

Chile: Confirmed cases include both symptomatic and asymptomatic PCR-positive cases, as defined by the Chile MoH. Total deaths include probable deaths. Recovered cases are based on symptom onset date. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2KQ99Jw> and <https://bit.ly/3hJUtuI>

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. Furthermore, deaths classified as 'probable deaths' will now be included in the total deaths; previously, these deaths were reported separately. As of 2 August, recovered cases are those who have been admitted to the surveillance system with at least one positive RT-PCR test, have spent at least 29 days from the date of onset of symptoms, and are alive; this indicator will be provided every Sunday. Available at: <https://bit.ly/30m9mMS>, <https://bit.ly/3h2EWEA>, <https://bit.ly/3i8c2E5>

Guatemala: As of 19 July, recovered cases will include non-deceased cases for which 21 days have passed since the date of sample collection. Available at: <https://tablerocovid.mspas.gob.gt/>

Jamaica: According to a 21 October Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 24 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3kIVfIV>

Martinique: Prior to today's update (21 October), the data for cases, deaths and recovered were last updated on 16 October; therefore, the 23% relative increase in cases is compared to the cases reported on 16 October.

Mexico: Recovered counts as reported by the Mexico MoH, as defined as all those positive for SARS-CoV-2 with a symptom onset date of more than 14 days, with no date of death, available at: <https://bit.ly/3bIOdz0>

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 16 October (available at: <https://bit.ly/2T31cEN>)

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data is (197840 by RT-PCR + 676278 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>. On 20 October, Peru MoH reported that of the 3,202 new cases reported, 1,168 correspond to 19 October 2020 whereas the remaining 2,074 are confirmed cases from the preceding 7-day period, report available at: <https://bit.ly/2FOILAP>

Puerto Rico: Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 29717 were positive by RT-PCR and 29113 were positive by serological tests. Total deaths include probable deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2VvjksQ>

Uruguay: According to the 20 October 2020 Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, there was one additional case that tested positive in a transportation worker; however, that positive case has been excluded from the total case count as they returned to their home country, available at: <https://bit.ly/2TcBWvj>.