

Region of the Americas Update

Last 24 hours *

- 282,828** Additional cases
- 2,589** Additional deaths
- 0.34%** Relative increase in cases
- 0.12%** Relative increase in deaths
- 36** Countries/territories reporting new cases
- 28** Countries/territories reporting new deaths

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

Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	227,282
Brazil	13,103
Cuba	9,907
Canada	7,758
Mexico	6,543
Argentina	6,135
Honduras	2,861
Colombia	2,698
Costa Rica	1,480

Deaths (≥ 100)

United States	1,146
Mexico	371
Brazil	321
Argentina	257

Region of the Americas

82,345,208 cases

2,079,630 deaths

56

countries/areas/territories affected.

Global

212,641,072 cases

4,442,450 deaths

236

countries/areas/territories affected.

COVID-19 – Highlights

- In the past two weeks (EW 32-EW33), the highest incidence rate of cases per 100,000 population was observed in the United States (in Florida and its neighboring states) and the Caribbean (**Map 1**).
- In South America, the highest incidences were observed in Brazil (Goias state), and Argentina (Corrientes, Catamarca, Cordoba, and La Pampa) (**Map 1**).
- In the Central American subregion, Alajuela, Guanacaste, and Puntarenas in Costa Rica, as well as all parts of Panama show the highest incidence rate of cases. (**Map 2**)
- In the Caribbean subregion, Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, as well as the French territories of Martinique, Guadeloupe, and French Guiana (Cayenne) continue to show an increase in cases over the last 2 weeks. (**Map 3**).

Starting the weekend of 26 June 2021, the PAHO COVID-19 daily situation reports will no longer be published on Saturdays and Sundays. The reports will continue to be published during the workweek – Monday through Friday – at the regularly scheduled time, with the exception of any official holidays observed by PAHO in Washington, DC

Total cases, deaths & CFR (%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 150,000 cumulative cases.

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	37,816,239	625,046	1.7%
Brazil	20,583,994	574,848	2.8%
Argentina	5,139,966	110,609	2.2%
Colombia	4,892,235	124,315	2.5%
Mexico	3,231,616	253,526	7.8%
Peru	2,142,565	197,921	9.2%
Chile	1,634,774	36,701	2.2%
Canada	1,473,624	26,814	1.8%
Cuba	602,526	4,710	0.8%
Ecuador	498,728	32,092	6.4%
Bolivia	487,131	18,313	3.8%
Paraguay	457,838	15,593	3.4%
Panama	452,986	7,015	1.5%
Costa Rica	445,442	5,361	1.2%
Guatemala	440,007	11,516	2.6%
Uruguay	384,181	6,015	1.6%
Dominican Republic	348,249	4,002	1.1%
Honduras	329,691	8,670	2.6%
Venezuela	326,522	3,909	1.2%
Puerto Rico	164,987	2,758	1.7%

*Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting times.

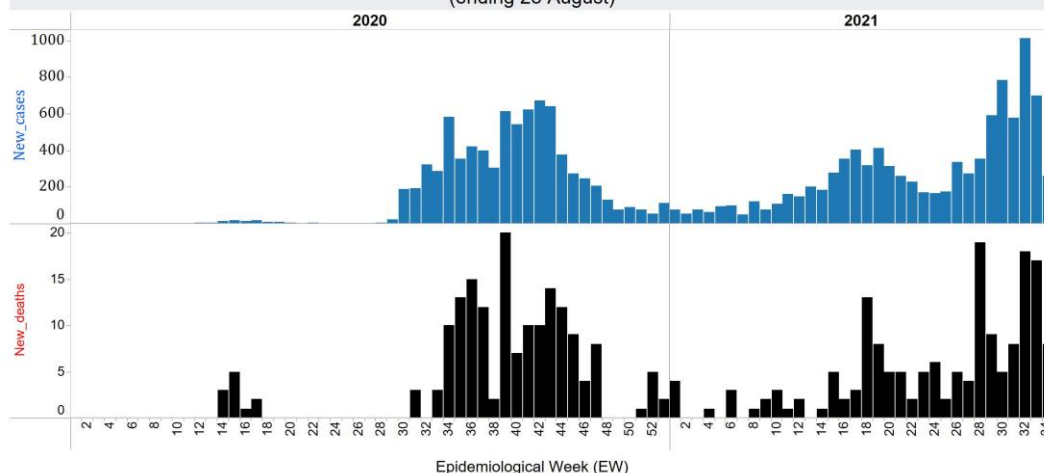
Spotlight – Bahamas COVID-19 Situation Update¹

On 23 August, the United States state department issued a Level 4 Travel Health Notice for the Bahamas due to COVID-19, indicating a very high level of COVID-19 in the country.²

Trends

To date, a total of 17,545 confirmed cases of COVID-19 including 338 deaths have been reported in the Bahamas. COVID-19 cases have been spiking again in the Bahamas since EW 26 (early July) reaching a peak in EW 32 with over 1,000 weekly cases reported – the highest ever since the onset of the pandemic (**Figure 1**). While cases decreased in EW 33 relative to the previous week (-31%), the trends should be interpreted with caution due to reporting delays and other possible biases

Figure 1: Distribution of COVID-19 cases and deaths by epi-week of report . Bahamas. EW 11, 2020 - EW 34, 2021 (ending 28 August)



Source: Data from the Bahamas Ministry of Health and reproduced by PAHO/WHO

Severity: COVID-19 deaths in the Bahamas have also been increasing during this spike with 19 deaths reported during EW 28, 2021 – the second highest weekly deaths after the peak in EW 39, 2020, when 20 deaths were reported (**Figure 1**). The elevated number of weekly deaths continues in 2021 with 18 and 17 deaths reported in EW 32 and EW 33 respectively. As of 23 August, a total of 139 cases were hospitalized for COVID-19 of which 128 (92%) were moderately ill and the remaining 11 (8%) were admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Majority of the hospitalized patients including those in the ICU were admitted to hospitals/clinics in New Providence (111) and the rest were admitted to the Grand Bahama Health Services in Grand Bahama (28).

Geography: While majority of the total cases were reported from New Providence (75%) and Grand Bahama (13%), the 159 new cases in the past 24 hours were detected primarily from New Providence (117), Abaco (15) and Andros (12).

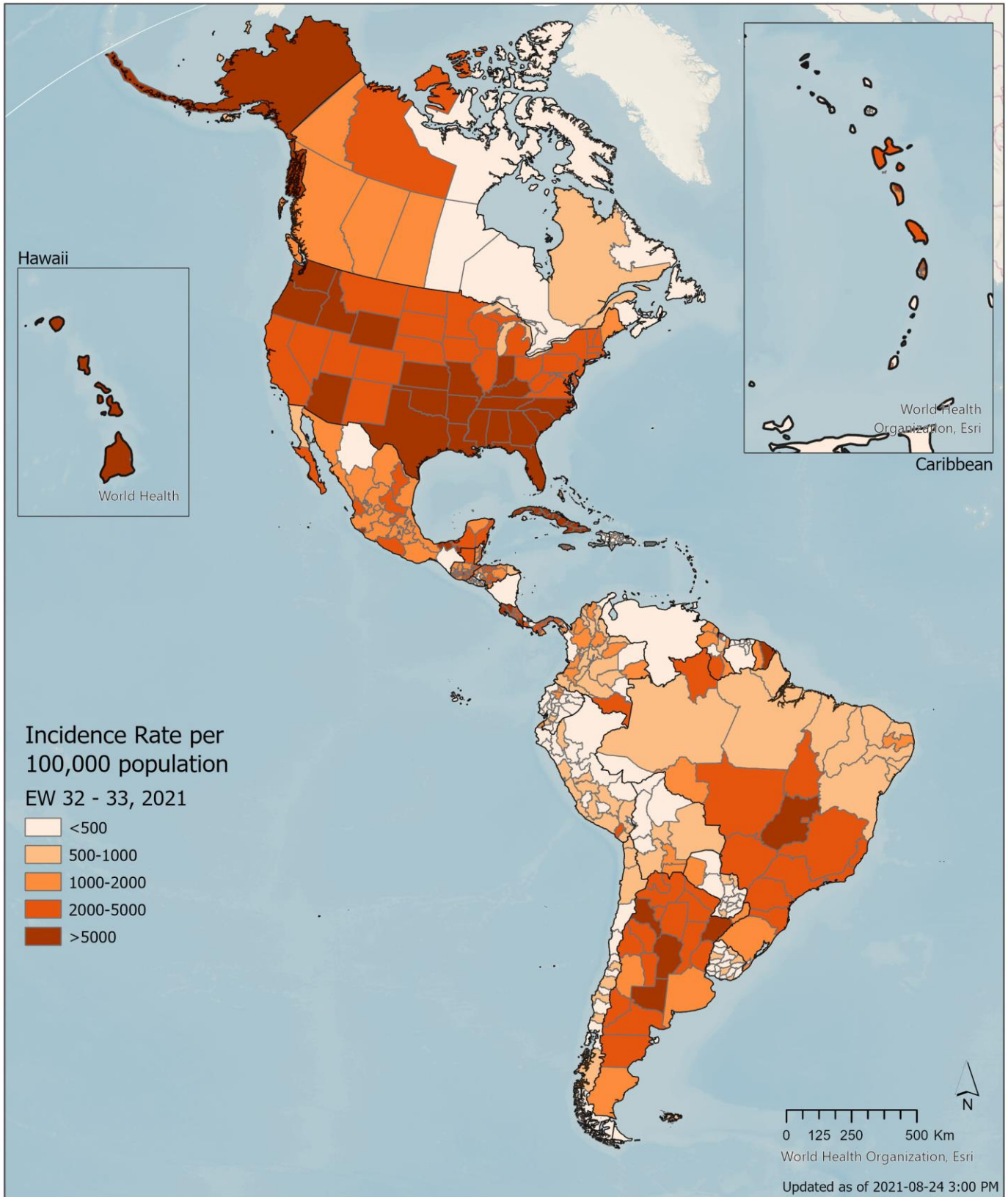
Testing: The test percent positivity for the past day was 62% when 441 RT-PCR tests were carried out with 159 testing positive. To date, Bahamas has carried out a total of 130,780 RT-PCR test for the SARS-CoV-2 virus for a testing rate of 3,358 tests per 10,000 population.

Vaccination: As of Saturday 21 August, a total of 129,017 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in The Bahamas. Of the total, 55,291 Bahamians and residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (14.2% of total population). On New Providence, 70% of the doses administered were first doses and on Grand Bahama, 53 % were first doses.

¹ Bahamas Ministry of Health. 22 August 2021. <https://bit.ly/2XOkPWF>

² The United States State Department. 23 August 2021. <https://bit.ly/387THE4>

Map 1. Incidence rate (per 100,000 population) of COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas by country/territory. EW 32 – EW 33, 2021

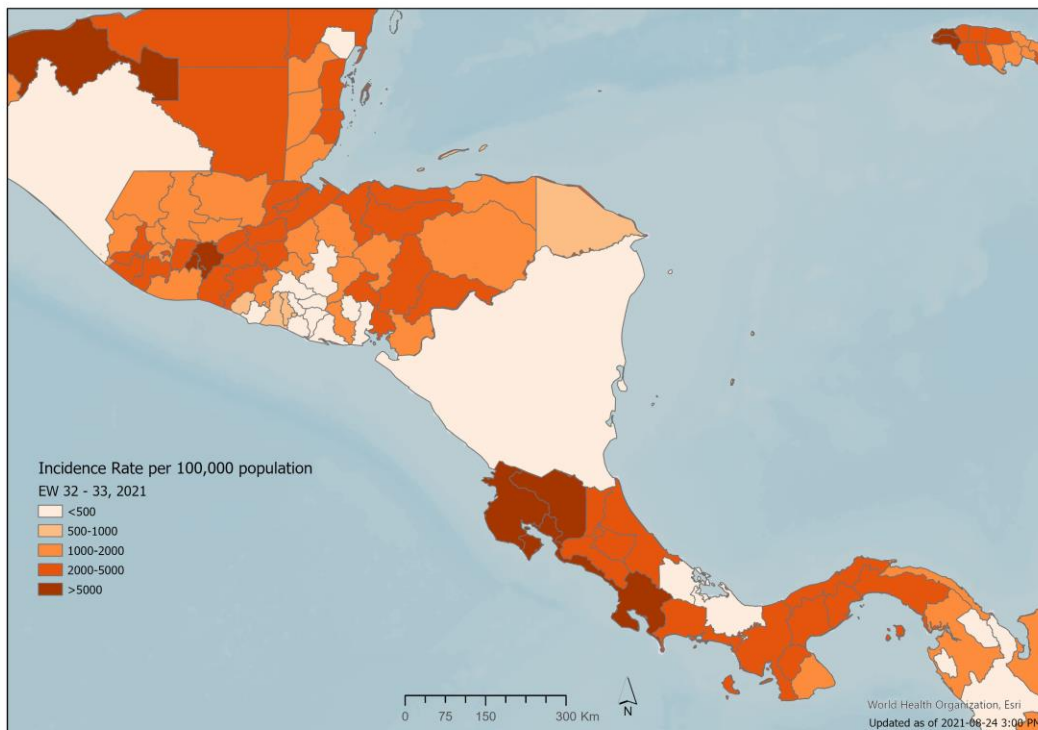


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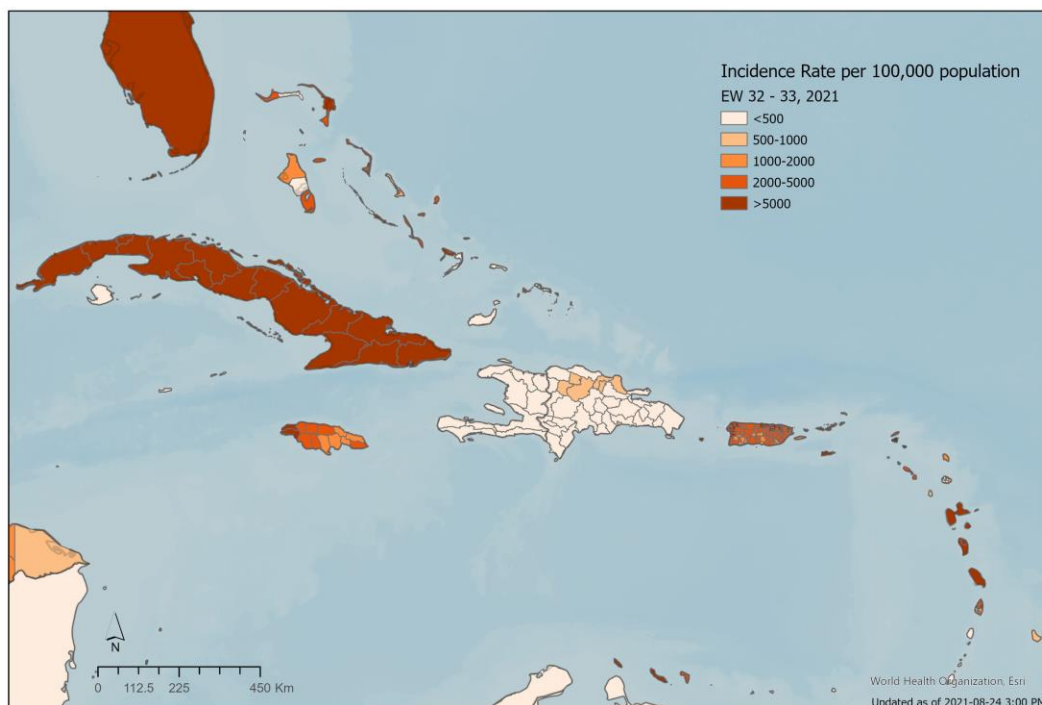
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Map 2. Incidence rate (per 100,000 population) of COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region by country/territory (sub-national level). EW 32 – EW 33, 2021



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Map 3. Incidence rate (per 100,000 population) of COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region by country/territory (sub-national level). EW 32 – EW 33, 2021



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COVID-19 situation reported by countries and territories in the Americas,
as of 24 August 2021

Updated as of 3 PM























































Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases			Deaths			Transmission Type
		7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	
North America	Canada		1,473,624	27%		26,814	323%	Community transmission
	Mexico		3,231,616	-5%		253,526	23%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)		37,816,239	9%		625,046	59%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		42,521,479			905,386		
Central America	Belize		15,556	7%		353	125%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica		445,442	14%		5,361	14%	Community transmission
	El Salvador		92,686	45%		2,855	-18%	Community transmission
	Guatemala		440,007	-4%		11,516	-21%	Community transmission
	Honduras		329,691	-9%		8,670	-3%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua		8,867	22%		199	0%	Community transmission
	Panama		452,986	-13%		7,015	6%	Community transmission
Subtotal		1,785,235			35,969			
South America	Argentina		5,139,966	-13%		110,609	31%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		487,131	-6%		18,313	-41%	Community transmission
	Brazil		20,583,994	2%		574,848	-10%	Community transmission
	Chile		1,634,774	-19%		36,701	-12%	Community transmission
	Colombia		4,892,235	-24%		124,315	-25%	Community transmission
	Ecuador		498,728	31%		32,092	-36%	Community transmission
	Paraguay		457,838	-31%		15,593	-1%	Community transmission
	Peru		2,142,565	-4%		197,921	-5%	Community transmission
	Uruguay		384,181	2%		6,015	-27%	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		326,522	3%		3,909	-2%	Community transmission
Subtotal		36,547,934			1,120,316			
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		166	26%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda		1,540	192%		43	0%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba		14,060	-25%		128	-30%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)		17,545	2%		338	400%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados		4,668	-14%		48	0%	Community transmission
	Bermuda		2,790	10%		33	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
Bonaire		1,742	-28%		17	0%	Community transmission	

Table notes on the next page.

Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		668	50%		2	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
	Cuba		602,526	7%		4,710	1%	Community transmission
	Curacao		14,999	-15%		139	150%	Community transmission
	Dominica		1,339	-29%		1	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)		348,249	4%		4,002	70%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the)		64	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	French Guiana		33,452	-11%		207	0%	Community transmission
	Grenada		230	425%		1	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe		37,955	-69%		427	47%	Community transmission
	Guyana		24,372	37%		597	12%	Community transmission
	Haiti		20,746	-83%		583	-100%	Community transmission
	Jamaica		63,464	20%		1,417	23%	Community transmission
	Martinique		34,722	-34%		291	-19%	Community transmission
	Montserrat		25	100%		1	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico		164,987	-9%		2,758	38%	Community transmission
	Saba		10	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Saint Barthelemy		1,553	-73%		1	0%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		883	231%		3	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Lucia		7,274	42%		97	-33%	Community transmission
	Saint Martin		3,147	-75%		17	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		30	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		2,320	-73%		12	0%	Community transmission
	Sint Eustatius		24	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten		3,472	8%		43	-50%	Community transmission
	Suriname		27,574	57%		700	-17%	Community transmission
	Trinidad and Tobago		43,145	-25%		1,237	0%	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos		2,613	0%		20	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)		2,568	-76%		37	0%	Community transmission
Virgin Islands (US)		5,638	6%		49	700%	Community transmission	
Subtotal		1,490,560			17,959			
Total		82,345,208			2,079,630			

* 7 Day Moving Average

Legend



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/2Fxk2fs>.
- Data is updated on a 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 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 the latest Bahamas Ministry of Health (MoH) publication, there are a total of 47 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3wh84Aq>,

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>

El Salvador: Cumulative cases and deaths as published by the Government of El Salvador: <https://covid19.gob.sv/>. The government presents a retroactively adjusted epidemiological curve of daily cases on the same dashboard.

Guadeloupe: Deaths are aggregated for Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy in Sante Publique France weekly publications; death counts for Guadeloupe are calculated subtracting deaths in Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy. Available at: <https://bit.ly/39UMysd>

Jamaica: According to the latest Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 121 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3qAwlJo>

Mexico: On 1 June 2021, the Mexico Ministry of Health reported 4,272 deaths in 24 hours. Of these, 3,924 were reported in 2020 and the remaining were reported in 2021. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pfdMA8>

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 20 August 2021. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pw7ZVR>

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; latest disaggregated data available is 635,044 by RT-PCR + 564,584 by antigen tests + 942,525 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/3fJVkTM>. On 31 May 2021, the Government of Peru announced that, after revision, the death toll was 180,764 deaths as of 22 May 2021, available at: <https://bit.ly/3fyGj8V>. The number of cumulative deaths reported prior to the revision, on 30 May, was 69,342, available at: <https://bit.ly/3pkar2U>.

Puerto Rico: Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 138,003 were positive by RT-PCR and 26,984 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/3AXY7KU>

United States of America: Case and death counts include both confirmed and probable classifications, as published on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) website on 24-August. Excludes American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands and the United States Virgin Islands. Case and death counts may differ from other US CDC data sources because these are provisional counts which are subject to change, including updates to data reported previously, adjustments can occur. Sources: <https://bit.ly/2RSsp5> and <https://bit.ly/2RVI2n6>.

Uruguay: According to the latest Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, the total notes 01 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3yfBfKP>.

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

Bahamas: Cases were retrospectively adjusted for 23 August 2021 to align with the Bahamas Ministry of Health indicating 17,545 cases. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3sKm2tz>

Ecuador: Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted for 23 August 2021 to align with the Ecuador Ministry of Health indicating 498,728 cases including 32,092 deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3sJJqaG>

Costa Rica: Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted for 22 August 2021 to align with the Costa Rica Ministry of Health indicating 442,695 cases including 5,330 deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/384aAj4>