

Region of the Americas Update

3 PM WDC. 20 September 2021

Last 24 hours *

63,439	Additional cases
216	Additional deaths
0.07%	Relative increase in cases
0.01%	Relative increase in deaths
36	Countries/territories reporting new cases
27	Countries/territories reporting new deaths

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

Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	28,492
Brazil	9,458
Cuba	8,544
Mexico	4,983
El Salvador	2,323
Colombia	1,813
Costa Rica	1,627

Deaths (≥ 100)

Brazil	244
United States	222
Mexico	200

COVID-19 – Highlights

1. On 20 September, the [Chile Ministry of Health urged Chile to reinforce self-care measures](#). In the last seven dates the new confirmed cases have reached 8% at the national level, but the number was in the negative growth figures weeks ago. There are 17 cases per 100,000 population, but the figures are higher in the regions of Arica and Parinacota which are 78 cases per 100,000 population and Aysén, which has a rate of 44 cases per 100,000. Based on existing evidence worldwide the Chile Ministry of Health has also shortened the quarantine time that patients currently have to undergo from 11 days to 7 days for those who are completely vaccinated and 10 days for those who are not fully vaccinated or unvaccinated. This measure will be effective starting Monday September 27th.

2. On 21 September, the [Peru Ministry of Health will vaccinate people aged 23 and 24 against COVID-19](#). The Ministry of Health's goal is to vaccinate over 300,000 people in this age group. In the last week Peru has administered 2,120,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines with about 9,500,000 people who have already received the second dose of the vaccine. Peru has averaged 300,000 doses administered daily. at least one dose of their vaccination scheme.

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

Region of the Americas

88,207,746 cases

2,175,316 deaths

56

countries/areas/territories affected.

Global

228,547,692 cases

4,692,529 deaths

236

countries/areas/territories affected.

Total cases, deaths & CFR (%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 160,000 cumulative cases.

United States of America	41,831,507	669,412	1.6%
Brazil	21,239,783	590,752	2.8%
Argentina	5,239,232	114,428	2.2%
Colombia	4,941,064	125,895	2.5%
Mexico	3,569,677	271,503	7.6%
Peru	2,167,008	199,006	9.2%
Chile	1,647,746	37,367	2.3%
Canada	1,569,186	27,370	1.7%
Cuba	809,911	6,856	0.8%
Guatemala	529,422	13,040	2.5%
Costa Rica	509,139	6,023	1.2%
Ecuador	507,003	32,661	6.4%
Bolivia	497,100	18,659	3.8%
Panama	464,288	7,172	1.5%
Paraguay	459,650	16,128	3.5%
Uruguay	387,627	6,048	1.6%
Honduras	357,654	9,491	2.7%
Dominican Republic	355,378	4,029	1.1%
Venezuela	355,061	4,301	1.2%
Puerto Rico	179,197	3,076	1.7%

*Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting times.

Spotlight – SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern (VOC) in the Americas

Today's spotlight provides an update on the geographical distribution of the four variants of concern of the SARS-CoV-2 virus as reported by countries, territories, and areas (hereafter countries) in the region of the Americas as of 20 September 2021.

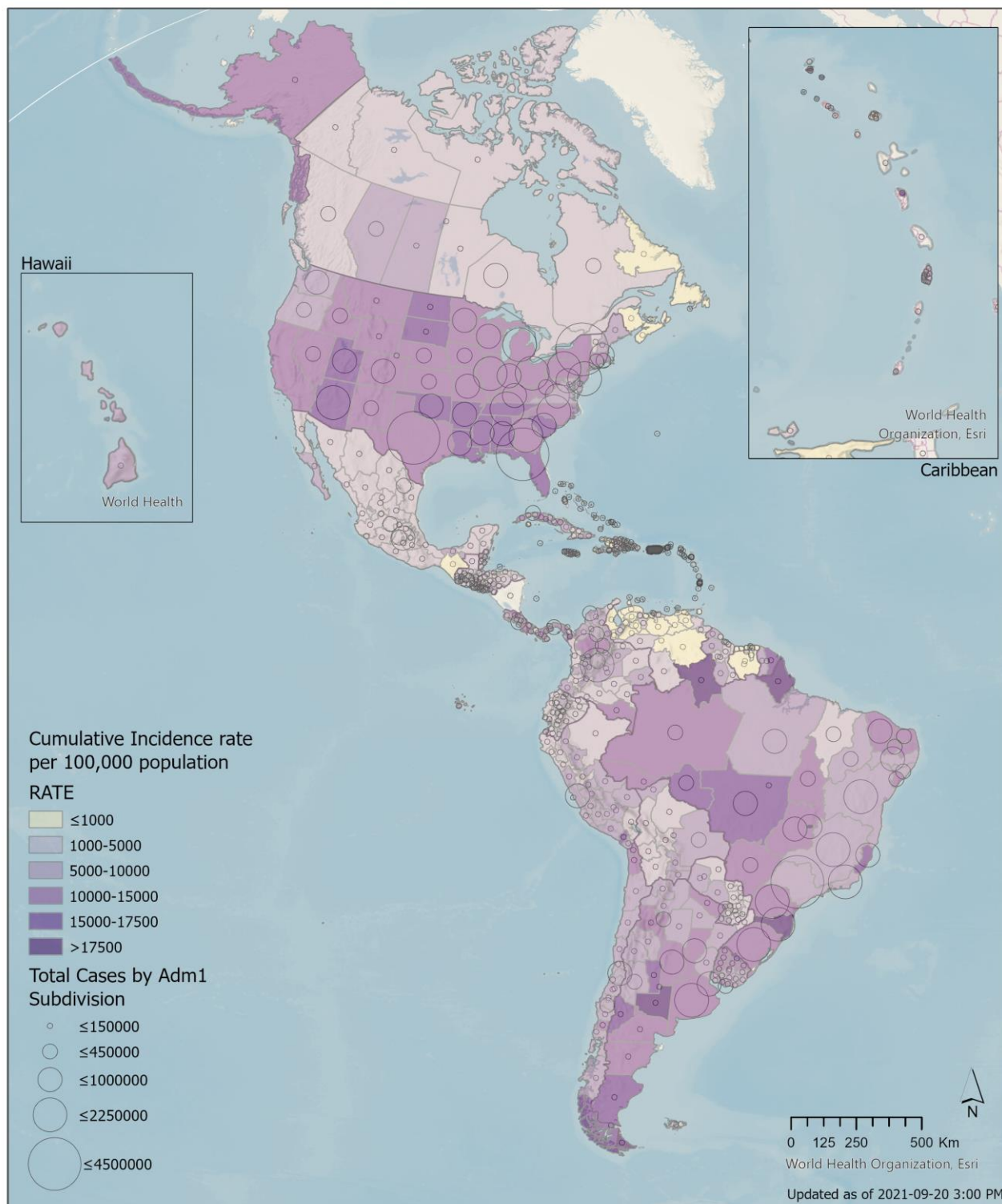
**Table 1: Distribution of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern by country/territory.
Region of the Americas. As of 20 September 2021.**

subregion	Country	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta
North America	Canada	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mexico	✓	✓	✓	✓
	United States of America	✓	✓	✓	✓
South America	Argentina	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	✓		✓	
	Brazil	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Chile	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Colombia	✓		✓	✓
	Ecuador	✓		✓	✓
	Paraguay	✓		✓	✓
	Peru	✓		✓	✓
	Uruguay	✓	✓	✓	✓
Central America	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	✓		✓	✓
	Belize	✓		✓	✓
	Costa Rica	✓	✓	✓	✓
	El Salvador	✓		✓	✓
	Guatemala	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Honduras	✓		✓	✓
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Panama	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Anguilla	✓			✓
	Antigua and Barbuda	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Aruba	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Bahamas	✓		✓	✓
	Barbados	✓		✓	✓
	Bermuda	✓	✓		✓
	Bonaire	✓		✓	✓
	British Virgin Islands	✓		✓	✓
	Cayman Islands	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Cuba	✓	✓		✓
	Curaçao	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Dominica	✓			✓
	Dominican Republic	✓		✓	✓
	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	✓	✓		
	French Guiana	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Grenada	✓			✓
	Guadeloupe	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Guyana	✓		✓	✓
	Haiti	✓		✓	✓
	Jamaica	✓			✓
	Martinique	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Montserrat	✓		✓	✓
	Puerto Rico	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Saba	✓			✓
	Saint Barthélemy	✓			✓
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	✓			✓
	Saint Lucia	✓			✓
	Saint Martin	✓	✓		✓
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	✓			✓
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	✓		✓	✓
	Sint Maarten	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Suriname	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Trinidad and Tobago	✓		✓	✓
	Turks and Caicos Islands	✓		✓	✓
	United States Virgin Islands	✓	✓		✓

✓ Sequence is not available yet in an international repository

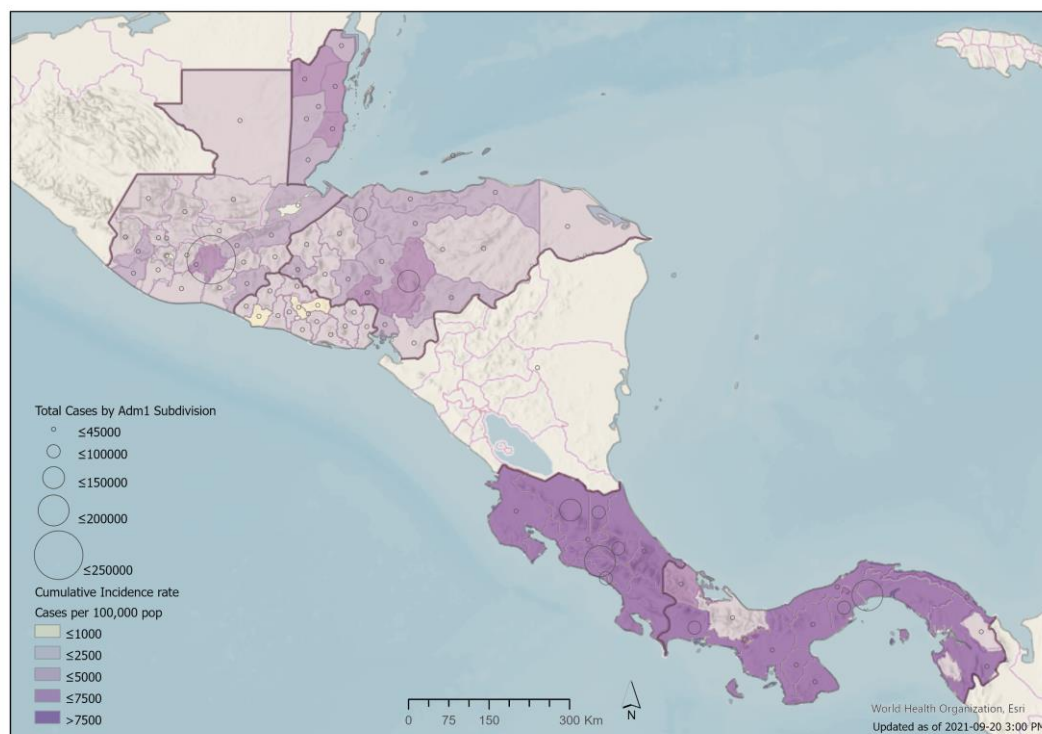
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Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory. As of 20 September 2021



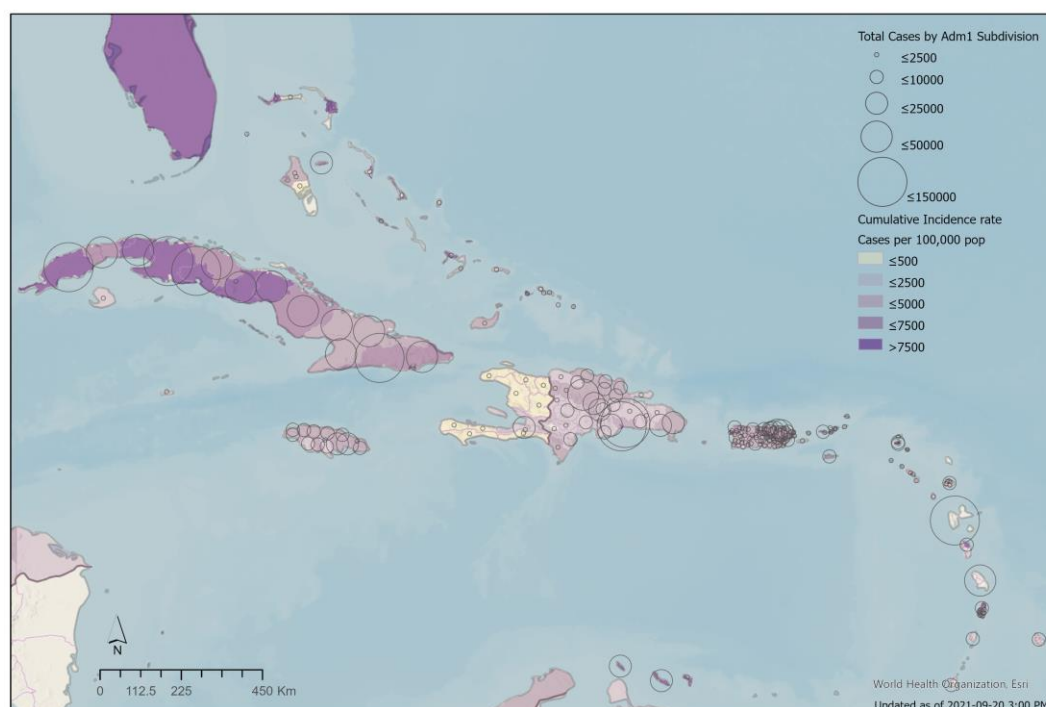
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Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 20 September 2021



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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 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 20 September 2021





























































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**COVID-19 situation reported by
countries and territories in the Americas,**
as of 20 September 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		1,569,186	-21%		27,370	-3%	Community transmission
	Mexico		3,569,677	-31%		271,503	-19%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)		41,831,507	-22%		669,412	7%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		46,970,370			968,285		
Central America	Belize		18,532	72%		389	60%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica		509,139	-12%		6,023	17%	Community transmission
	El Salvador		102,024	-36%		3,114	30%	Community transmission
	Guatemala		529,422	-22%		13,040	-35%	Community transmission
	Honduras		357,654	-4%		9,491	-42%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua		10,245	14%		202	0%	Community transmission
	Panama		464,288	-13%		7,172	-31%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		1,991,304			39,431		
South America	Argentina		5,239,232	-29%		114,428	15%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		497,100	-12%		18,659	-4%	Community transmission
	Brazil		21,239,783	120%		590,752	21%	Community transmission
	Chile		1,647,746	6%		37,367	-21%	Community transmission
	Colombia		4,941,064	-7%		125,895	-33%	Community transmission
	Ecuador		507,003	19%		32,661	122%	Community transmission
	Paraguay		459,650	-12%		16,128	-76%	Community transmission
	Peru		2,167,008	-2%		199,006	-12%	Community transmission
	Uruguay		387,627	-11%		6,048	33%	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		355,061	-1%		4,301	-7%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		37,441,274			1,145,245		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		331	-41%				Clusters of cases
	Antigua and Barbuda		2,603	-28%		55	250%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba		15,249	-26%		158	-40%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)		20,215	-1%		510	176%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados		6,527	11%		58	500%	Community transmission
	Bermuda		4,477	103%		42	600%	Clusters of cases
	Bonaire		1,937	-58%		18	0%	Community transmission

Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		774	18%		2	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
	Cuba		809,911	0%		6,856	-17%	Community transmission
	Curacao		16,056	41%		158	-20%	Community transmission
	Dominica		2,908	-18%		10	50%	Community transmission
	Dominican Republic (the)		355,378	11%		4,029	83%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the)		67	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	French Guiana		38,711	28%		245	114%	Community transmission
	Grenada		4,077	47%		55	87%	Community transmission
	Guadeloupe		52,463	-50%		747	-42%	Community transmission
	Guyana		29,553	8%		725	0%	Community transmission
	Haiti		21,431	-18%		605	13%	Community transmission
	Jamaica		80,406	-11%		1,794	-38%	Community transmission
	Martinique		40,459	-22%		594	-52%	Community transmission
	Montserrat		33	0%		1	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico		179,197	-22%		3,076	-9%	Community transmission
	Saba		11	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Saint Barthelemy		1,624	83%		2	0%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		1,680	-17%		10	50%	Community transmission
	Saint Lucia		10,605	-21%		150	13%	Community transmission
	Saint Martin		3,740	-30%		35	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		31	0%				No cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		2,830	137%		14	0%	Community transmission
	Sint Eustatius		24	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten		4,091	-28%		59	0%	Community transmission
	Suriname		36,971	25%		805	58%	Community transmission
	Trinidad and Tobago		48,523	-2%		1,416	-13%	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos		2,805	-23%		22	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)		2,642	-100%		37	0%	Community transmission
	Virgin Islands (US)		6,458	-36%		67	-83%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		1,804,798			22,355		
	Total		88,207,746			2,175,316		

* 7 Day Moving Average

Legend

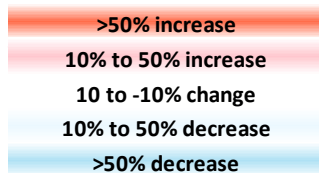


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NOTES: Case and death counts may include both confirmed and probable classifications depending on the reporting Member State.

- 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/2FvK2fs>
- 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 30 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.

Jamaica: According to the latest Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 275 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3qAwIJo>.

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 15 September 2021. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pw7ZVR>.

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; latest disaggregated data available is 642,579 by RT-PCR + 579,655 by antigen tests + 944,774 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); 148,195 were positive by RT-PCR and 31,002 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 20-September. 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/2RSpap5> and <https://bit.ly/2RVl2n6>.

Uruguay: According to the latest Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, the total notes 12 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3zr4c0k>.

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

Bahamas: Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted for 16-19 September 2021 to align with the Bahamas Ministry of Health indicating 19,914, 20,030, 20,115 and 20,215 cases including 482, 504, 506 and 510 deaths, respectively. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3tWRW6O>, <https://bit.ly/3hOEQDI>, <https://bit.ly/3CvMD1b> and <https://bit.ly/2XBbW3i>.

Costa Rica: Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted for 19 September 2021 to align with the Costa Rica Ministry of Health indicating 507,512 cases including 5,991 deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3klU7gZ>.

Ecuador: Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted for 17-19 September 2021 to align with the Ecuador Ministry of Health indicating 506,085, 596,539, and 506,974 cases including 32,592, 32,634 and 32,655 deaths, respectively. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3ILLX11>, <https://bit.ly/2XvgaZF> and <https://bit.ly/3krF45G>.

Haiti: Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted for 16-18 September 2021 to align with the Haiti Ministry of Health indicating 21,338, 21,368 and 21,413 cases including 597, 603 and 605 deaths, respectively. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3tWbnfQ>, <https://bit.ly/3hST3PY> and <https://bit.ly/3hTfBOH>.

United States: The US CDC retrospectively released data. Cases and deaths were adjusted for 17-20 September 2021 to align with the US CDC indicating 41,741,612, 41,803,3015, and 41,183,507 cases including 668,598, 669,190, and 669,412 deaths, respectively.