

Region of the Americas Update

Last 24 hours *

144,962	Additional cases
3,212	Additional deaths
0.27%	Relative increase in cases
0.25%	Relative increase in deaths
37	Countries/territories reporting new cases
27	Countries/territories reporting new deaths

Highest numbers of cases & deaths in the last 24 hours *

Cases (≥ 1,000)

United States	55,668
Brazil	49,293
Peru	6,464
Argentina	6,401
Colombia	5,128
Canada	4,934
Chile	4,864
Uruguay	2,675
Paraguay	1,990
Mexico	1,388

Deaths (≥ 100)

Brazil	1,383
United States	984
Mexico	203
Peru	141
Argentina	126
Colombia	120

Region of the Americas

54,394,715 cases

1,309,398 deaths

56

countries/areas/territories affected.

Global

123,563,282 cases

2,722,375 deaths

235

countries/areas/territories affected.

COVID-19 – Highlights

- In **Chile**, health authorities announced that 42 communes will go back to phase 1 as from Thursday 25 March 2021, half of them from the Metropolitan Region. In addition, on the weekend of 27 and 28 March, the individual travel permit will be suspended. This follows an increase of 17% in the variation of new confirmed cases at the national level last week (36% in the last 14 days). The full announcement is available here: <https://bit.ly/2QvaQIE>.
- In **Paraguay**, the COVID-19 infection rate continues to rise. About 35% of the samples processed daily test positive for the virus. The number of general and intensive care unit hospitalizations show sustained increase since February. Mortality in the country is 51 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants. Additional information is found here: <https://bit.ly/3cggdh6>.
- Venezuela's** President announced that the country enters a radical, conscious, collective, family and voluntary quarantine phase from March 22 to April 4, with the purpose of cutting COVID-19 transmission chain. The full announcement is found here: <https://bit.ly/2Pkht9V>.

*Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting.

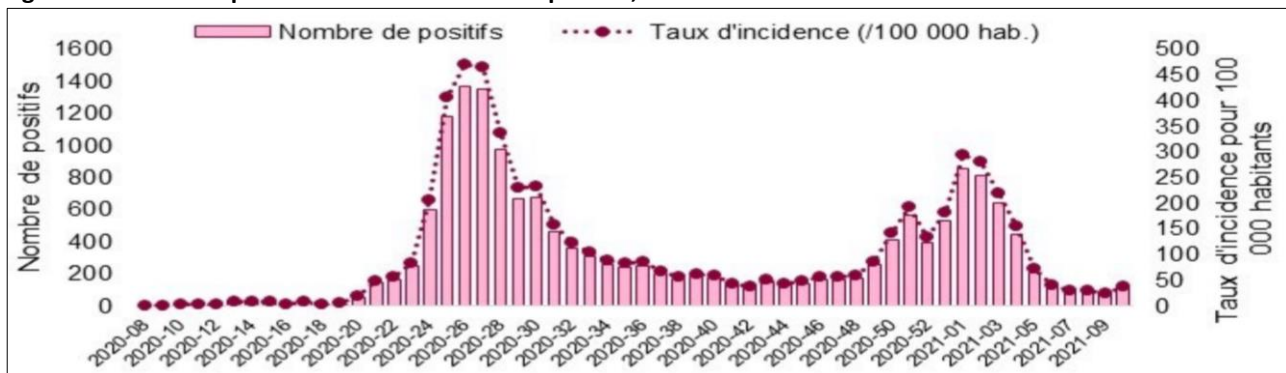
Total cases, deaths & CFR (%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 60,000 cumulative cases.

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	29,592,831	538,244	1.8%
Brazil	12,047,526	295,425	2.5%
Colombia	2,342,278	62,148	2.7%
Argentina	2,252,172	54,671	2.4%
Mexico	2,197,160	198,239	9.0%
Peru	1,472,790	50,339	3.4%
Chile	942,958	22,384	2.4%
Canada	938,719	22,716	2.4%
Panama	351,213	6,052	1.7%
Ecuador	313,570	16,504	5.3%
Bolivia	265,207	12,074	4.6%
Dominican Republic	250,177	3,283	1.3%
Costa Rica	211,903	2,896	1.4%
Paraguay	196,112	3,769	1.9%
Guatemala	189,067	6,730	3.6%
Honduras	183,280	4,469	2.4%
Venezuela	151,894	1,502	1.0%
Puerto Rico	104,743	2,098	2.0%
Uruguay	84,212	811	1.0%
Cuba	68,250	401	0.6%

Population	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Tests	Transmission
298,682 ¹	16,764	87	9,995	88,135	Community

Number of cases, incidence, and positivity: Based on data recorded in French Guiana’s Diagnosis Information System [SI-DEP (Système d’Information Dépistage)], in Epidemiological Week (EW) 10, a total of 109 new cases and an incidence rate of 37 per 100,000 inhabitants was recorded, representing a slight increase when compared to EW9 where a total of 72 new cases and an incidence rate of 25 per 100,000 inhabitants was observed (Figure 1). The positivity rate for EW10 and EW9 was respectively 3.2% and 2.1%. Despite this slight increase in trends, epidemiological indicators show a relatively low virus circulation in French Guiana.

Figure 1: Number of positive cases and incidence per 100,000 inhabitants in French Guiana



Testing: According to the SI-DEP, 3,357 tests were carried out in French Guiana in EW10 (compared to 3,359 in EW9), i.e., a testing rate of 1,155 tests per 100,000 inhabitants in EW10 (compared to 1156 in EW9)- Figure 2.

Hospitalizations: There was a decrease in hospitalizations in EW10 (n=9) compared to EW9 (n=13), while ICU visits increased (2 new admissions in EW9 and 4 in EW10). The number of new hospitalizations decreased continuously from EW2 to EW10 of 2021. Intensive care unit (ICU) admissions also decreased from EW7 to EW9 but increased in EW10.

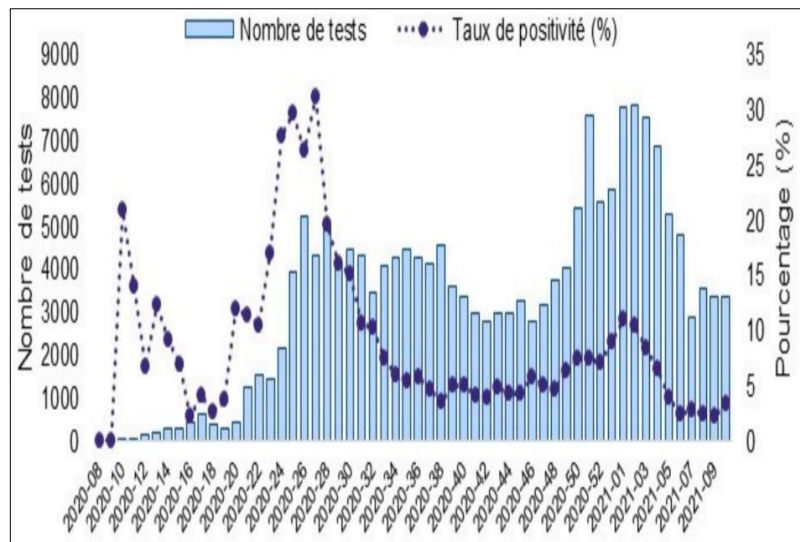


Figure 2: Number of tests and positivity rates by week in French

Deaths: No death was recorded in EW10 as opposed to EW9 that reported one death. In total, between 4 March 2020 and 18 March 2021, 87 people have died from Covid-19 in hospitals in French Guiana.

COVID-19 Clusters: Since 5 October 2020, 73 clusters (excluding EHPAD² and restricted family environments) have been detected in French Guiana including 2 under investigation. The clusters are mainly schools (n=31; 42%), non-health facilities (n=29; 40%) and consisted of 3 to 39 people, with an average of 8 cases per cluster.

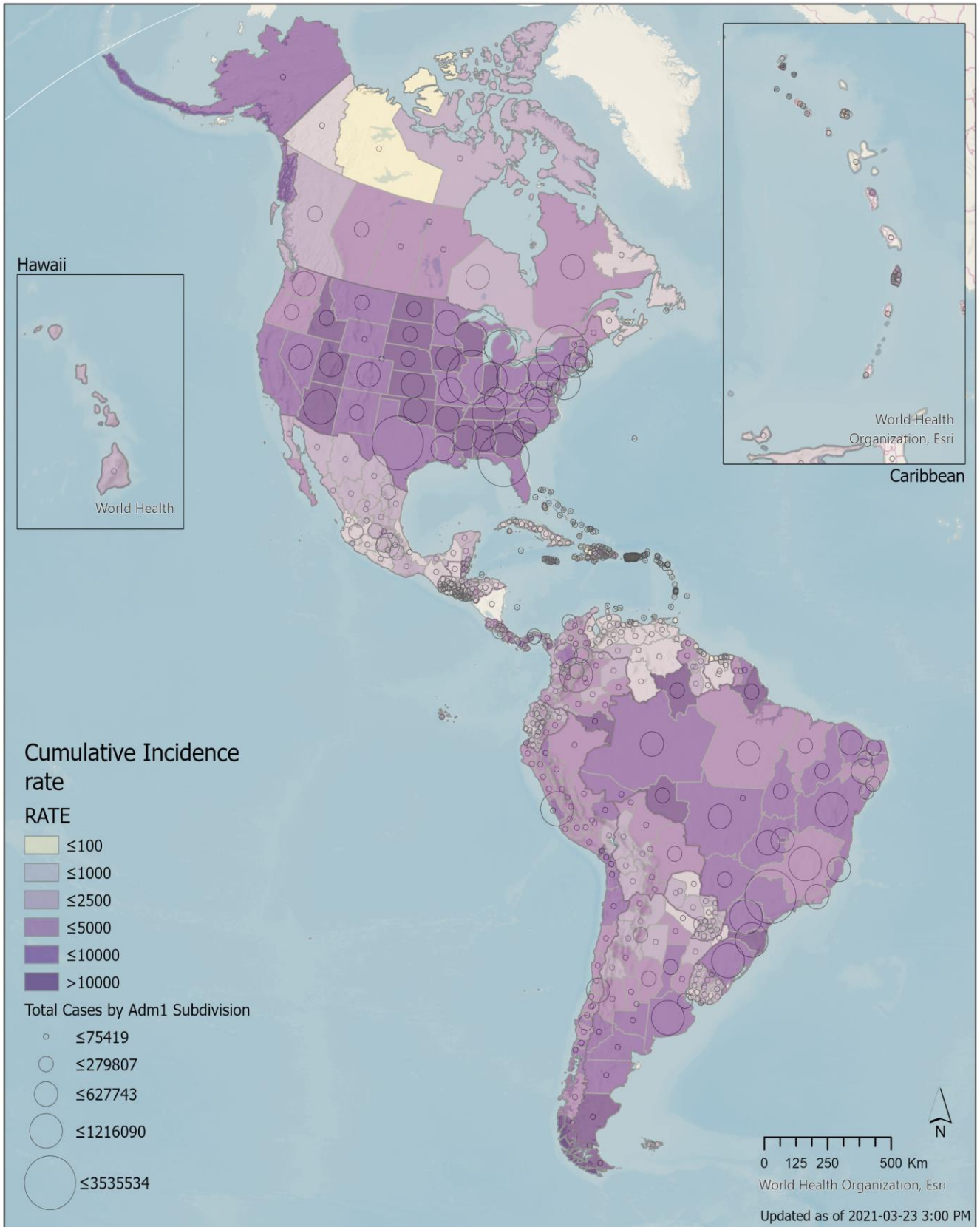
COVID-19 Variants: As of EW10, the following variants have been detected in French Guiana: a) 18 cases of variant 20I/501Y.V1 (UK), including 6 imported cases (mainland + West Indies) and 12 case under investigation; b) 27 cases of variant 20J/501Y.V3 (Brazil), of which only 3 imported, 13 indigenous and 11 under investigation.

Source: Point épidémi régional, Spécial COVID-19, Guyane (18 mars 2021)

¹ Source: Worldometer 2020

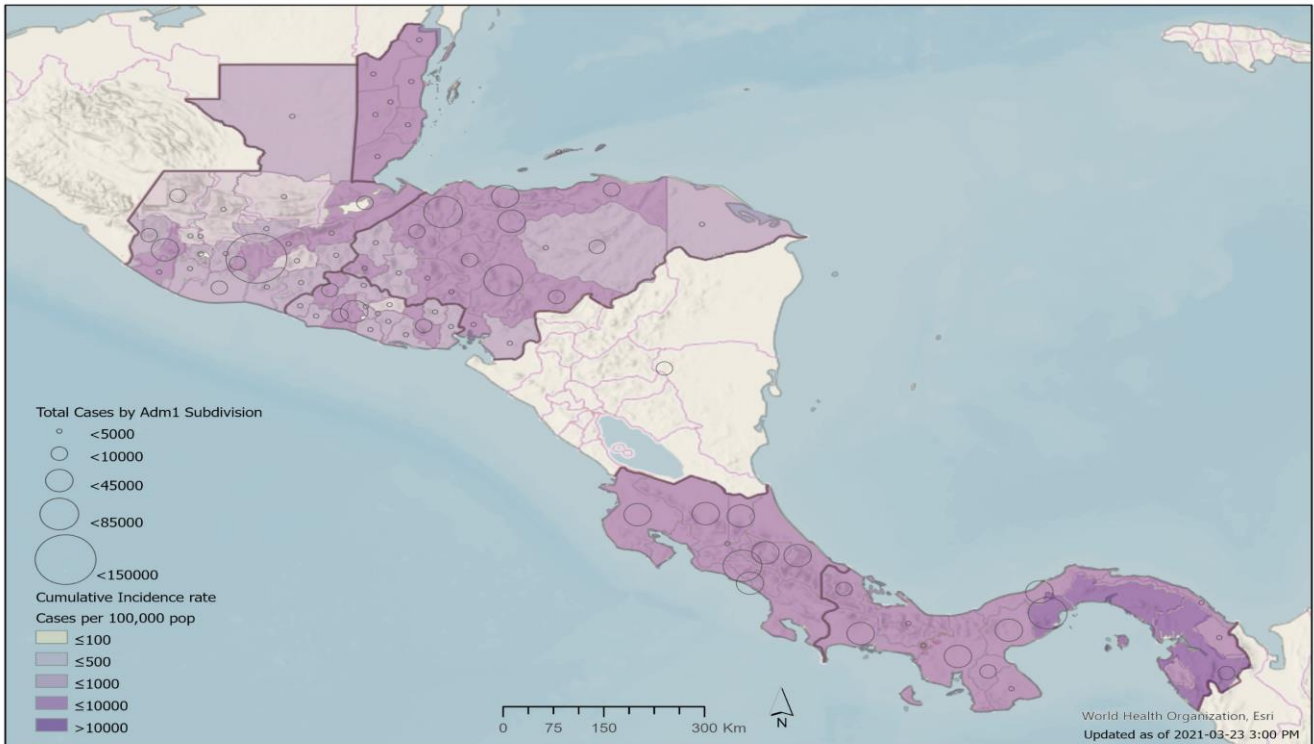
² Accommodation facility for dependent elderly people (Établissement d’hébergement pour personnes âgées dépendantes)

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 23 March 2021



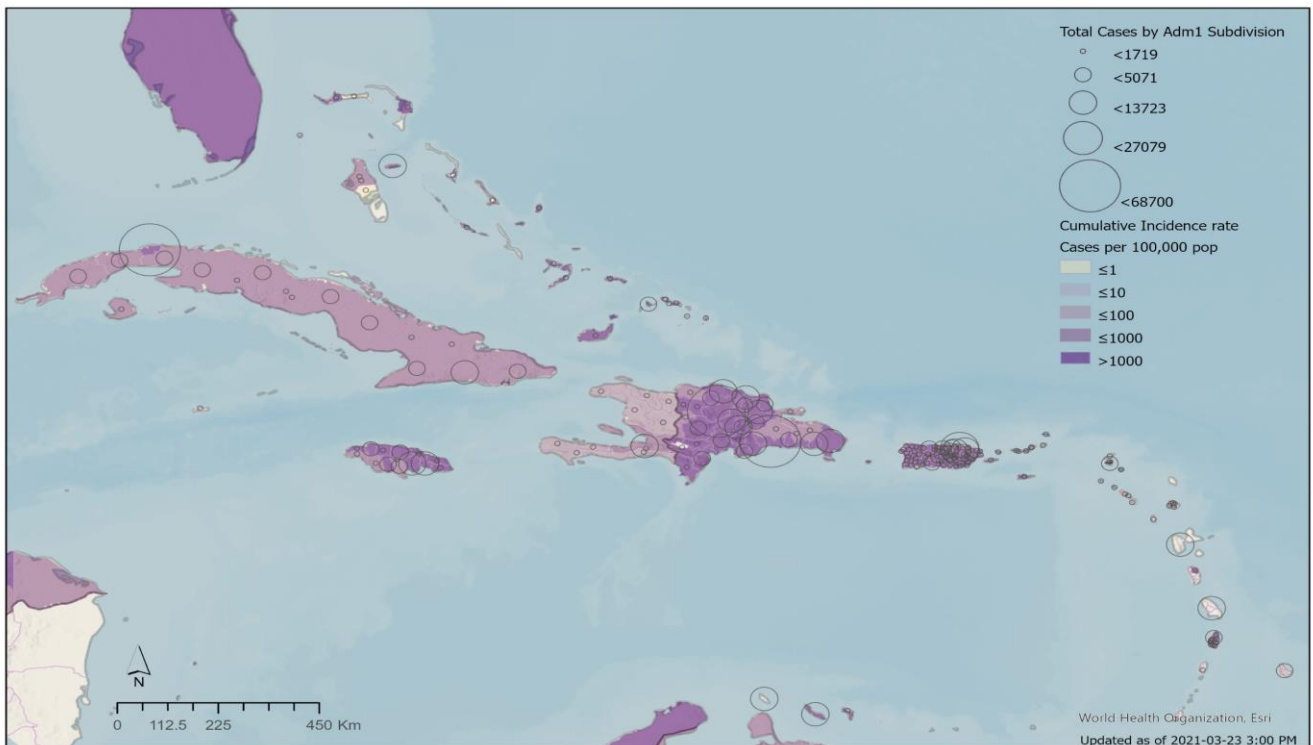
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Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 population) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 23 March 2021



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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 23 March 2021



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COVID-19 situation reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 23 March 2021

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases			Deaths			Recovered	Transmission Type
		7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change		
North America	Canada		938,719	15%		22,716	1%	880,159	Community transmission
	Mexico		2,197,160	-21%		198,239	-18%	1,740,254	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)		29,592,831	1%		538,244	-12%	11,977,707	Community transmission
	Subtotal		32,728,710			759,199		14,598,120	
Central America	Belize		12,407	-50%		316	-100%	12,031	Community transmission
	Costa Rica		211,903	-26%		2,896	-63%	190,236	Community transmission
	El Salvador		63,344	-18%		1,986	-20%	60,681	Community transmission
	Guatemala		189,067	15%		6,730	24%	172,621	Community transmission
	Honduras		183,280	-7%		4,469	42%	69,177	Community transmission
	Nicaragua		5,288	6%		177	0%	5,064	Community transmission
	Panama		351,213	5%		6,052	-34%	339,961	Community transmission
	Subtotal		1,016,502			22,626		849,771	
South America	Argentina		2,252,172	26%		54,671	43%	2,037,686	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		265,207	-3%		12,074	-22%	212,691	Community transmission
	Brazil		12,047,526	13%		295,425	25%	10,507,995	Community transmission
	Chile		942,958	15%		22,384	-2%	882,772	Community transmission
	Colombia		2,342,278	35%		62,148	40%	2,235,343	Community transmission
	Ecuador		313,570	38%		16,504	29%	271,847	Community transmission
	Paraguay		196,112	27%		3,769	45%	161,319	Community transmission
	Peru		1,472,790	21%		50,339	-3%	1,388,554	Community transmission
	Uruguay		84,212	39%		811	59%	68,983	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		151,894	46%		1,502	9%	141,260	Community transmission
	Subtotal		20,068,719			519,627		17,908,450	

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases			Deaths			Recovered	Transmission Type
		7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change	7 Day MA* Trend	Cummulative	7day % change		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		22	-67%				20	Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda		1,072	-26%		28	-80%	701	Clusters of cases
	Aruba		8,800	29%		82	50%	8,292	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)		8,935	19%		188	100%	7,757	Clusters of cases
	Barbados		3,559	7%		40	100%	3,358	Community transmission
	Bermuda		830	463%		12	0%	712	Sporadic cases
	Bonaire		1,092	31%		9	200%	619	Community transmission
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		482	-65%		2	0%	448	Sporadic cases
	Cuba		68,250	-3%		401	4%	64,432	Community transmission
	Curacao		6,041	178%		24	0%	4,857	Community transmission
	Dominica		160	-50%				151	Sporadic cases
	Dominican Republic (the)		250,177	12%		3,283	0%	206,736	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the)		51	0%				51	Sporadic cases
	French Guiana		16,764	-100%		87	0%	9,995	Community transmission
	Grenada		154	-100%		1	0%	151	Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe		11,095	39%		169	0%	2,242	Community transmission
	Guyana		9,668	29%		216	125%	8,522	Clusters of cases
	Haiti		12,732	-16%		251	0%	10,754	Community transmission
	Jamaica		36,231	-3%		542	41%	16,490	Community transmission
	Martinique		7,264	50%		47	0%	98	Community transmission
	Montserrat		20	0%		1	0%	18	Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico		104,743	20%		2,098	13%	91,987	Community transmission
	Saba		6	0%				6	No cases
	Saint Barthelemy		776	-6%		1	-100%	94	Clusters of cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		44	-50%				42	Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia		4,132	-48%		55	-100%	3,950	Community transmission
	Saint Martin		1,633	-32%		12	0%	598	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		24	0%				24	No cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		1,700	6%		10	0%	1,523	Community transmission
	Sint Eustatius		20	0%				20	No cases
	Sint Maarten		2,104	73%		27	0%	2,058	Community transmission
	Suriname		9,067	-19%		177	0%	8,560	Cluster of cases
	Trinidad and Tobago		7,861	40%		140	0%	7,571	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos		2,294	9%		17	0%	2,150	Clusters of cases
Virgin Islands (UK)		154	0%		1	0%	153	Clusters of Cases	
Virgin Islands (US)		2,827	161%		25	0%	2,653	Community transmission	
Subtotal			580,784		7,946		467,793		
Total			54,394,715		1,309,398		33,824,134		

* 7 Day Moving Average

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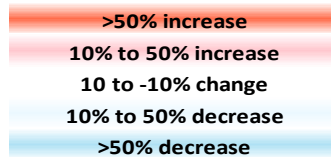


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NOTES

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/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.
- *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 a 22 March 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/2LgWYct>.

Jamaica: According to a 22 March 2021 Jamaica Ministry of Health and Wellness press release, there are a total of 74 additional deaths under investigation, available at: <https://bit.ly/3qAwlJo>.

Nicaragua: Please note there are discrepancies with the data published by the Citizen's Observatory COVID-19 Nicaragua as of 17 March. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3pw7ZVR>.

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH; disaggregated data posted as of 21 March 2021 is 429,896 by RT-PCR + 170,347 by antigen tests + 866,083 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/2FxK2fs>.

Puerto Rico: Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 96,140 were positive by RT-PCR and 8,603 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 23-March (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>.

Uruguay: According to the 22 March 2021 Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, 7 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total, available at: <https://bit.ly/3vUPH4D>.

DATA ADJUSTMENTS

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

Bahamas: The Bahamas Ministry of Health retrospectively released data for 16-18 March indicating 8,801 cases, 8,820 cases, and 8,843 cases. This has been retrospectively adjusted in the Americas 17-19 March 2021 table. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3IN1Vr9>