

Region of the Americas Update

3 PM WDC. 27 August 2021

Last 24 hours *

- 260,259** Additional cases
- 3,700** Additional deaths
- 0.31%** Relative increase in cases
- 0.18%** Relative increase in deaths
- 39** 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	165,231
Brazil	31,024
Mexico	20,633
Cuba	7,639
Guadeloupe	7,438
Argentina	6,847
Guatemala	4,754
Canada	3,359
Costa Rica	2,706
Colombia	1,935
Venezuela	1,186
Peru	1,118

Deaths (≥ 100)

United States	1,203
Brazil	920
Mexico	835
Argentina	151

Region of the Americas

83,154,143 cases

2,092,275 deaths

56

countries/areas/territories affected.

Global

214,753,312 cases

4,474,903 deaths

236

countries/areas/territories affected.

COVID-19 – Highlights

Maps 1 and 2, in page 6, show COVID-19 case incidence per 100,000 populations divided into four quarters in 2020 and 2021.

After the first detection of cases, COVID-19 spread rapidly, and was reported in most 1st administrative level divisions among 54 countries and territories by the end of June 2020.

In July to September 2020, a large outbreak of cases was reported in the Amazon region of Brazil, particularly in Roraima, followed by Amazon bordered area of Peru.

Overall, the highest incidence rate was observed in October to December of 2020. The highest incidence rate during these periods was mainly observed in the United States, and southern part of Argentina.

January to March of 2021 continued to see an elevated incidence rate, with highest rates observed throughout the Amazon region of Brazil and Colombia, as well as Argentina, and the United States.

Notwithstanding the 5 weeks left in Q3 of 2021, most countries have reported higher incidence rates in July to August of 2021 compared to Q2 of 2021.

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

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	38,343,343	629,782	1.6%
Brazil	20,676,561	577,565	2.8%
Argentina	5,161,926	111,117	2.2%
Colombia	4,899,085	124,567	2.5%
Mexico	3,291,761	256,287	7.8%
Peru	2,146,169	198,064	9.2%
Chile	1,636,627	36,807	2.2%
Canada	1,482,668	26,864	1.8%
Cuba	627,311	4,984	0.8%
Ecuador	500,084	32,166	6.4%
Bolivia	488,933	18,371	3.8%
Guatemala	460,017	11,768	2.6%
Paraguay	458,207	15,653	3.4%
Panama	454,878	7,031	1.5%
Costa Rica	452,997	5,417	1.2%
Uruguay	384,458	6,025	1.6%
Dominican Republic	349,253	4,007	1.1%
Honduras	333,890	8,802	2.6%
Venezuela	329,736	3,955	1.2%
Puerto Rico	168,064	2,804	1.7%

* Numbers may vary due to differences in reporting times.

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

Information current as of 27 August 2021, 11h00 EDT – Highlighted in grey: Updates with respect to the information published on 20 August 2021

Based on viral genomic sequencing, on 14 December 2020, the authorities of the United Kingdom reported to WHO a SARS-CoV-2 variant known as Alpha; on 18 December 2020, the authorities of the Republic of South Africa reported to WHO a SARS-CoV-2 variant known as Beta; and, on 13 January 2021, the authorities of Brazil reported to WHO a SARS-CoV-2 variant known as Gamma. SARS-CoV-2 variants Alpha, Beta, and Gamma are defined as Variants of Concern (VOC), together with variant Delta, identified in India in October 2020.¹

Starting on 18 December 2020, WHO shared that information with authorities across the globe about SARS-CoV-2 VOC and Variants of Interest (VOI), through dedicated channels established under the International Health Regulations (IHR), as well with the public through the WHO web site.^{2,3,4}

International traffic-related measures adopted by States Parties in the Americas in response to the detection of SARS-CoV-2 variants

The table below summarizes international traffic-related measures adopted by States Parties to the IHR in the Region of the Americas in response to the detection of SARS-CoV-2 variants. Measures adopted are consistent with current Temporary Recommendations,⁵ issued by the Director-General of WHO in the context of the Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), determined on 30 January 2020 according to IHR provisions.

State Party issuing measures	Hyperlinked description of measures and language of publication ⁶	Date information about measures published on governmental web pages/social media accounts	State/s Party/ies concerned by measures issued
Antigua and Barbuda	English	04-Aug-21	Brazil, Republic of South Africa
Argentina	Spanish Spanish	20-Dec-20 25-Mar-21 25-Jun-21	United Kingdom Brazil, Chile, Mexico, United Kingdom Extension - Inclusion of Turkey and African countries; and limitation to 600 persons of volume of incoming travelers by air admitted daily (link 1 and link 2)
Barbados	English	17-Jul-21	Argentina, Angola, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Eswatini, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Reunion, Republic of the Congo, Singapore, South Africa, Suriname, Tunisia, Uganda, Uruguay,

¹ <https://www.who.int/en/activities/tracking-SARS-CoV-2-variants/>

² <https://www.who.int/csr/don/21-december-2020-sars-cov2-variant-united-kingdom/en/>

³ <https://www.who.int/csr/don/31-december-2020-sars-cov2-variants/en/>

⁴ Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Weekly Epidemiological Update and Weekly Operational Update:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

⁵ <https://tinyurl.com/49x5pvja>

State Party issuing measures	Hyperlinked description of measures and language of publication ⁶	Date information about measures published on governmental web pages/social media accounts	State/s Party/ies concerned by measures issued
			Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
Belize	English	25-Jun-21 (?)	Bangladesh, India
Bolivia	Spanish	01-Apr-21	Brazil
Brazil	Portuguese Portuguese Portuguese	25-Dec-20 25-Jan-21 14-May-21	United Kingdom Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom Extension, and inclusion of India
Canada ⁷	English English ⁸	19-Feb-21 21-Jun-21 16-Jul-21 09-Aug-21	All countries India Extension ⁹ Extension ¹⁰
Chile	Spanish	24-Jun-21 12-Jul-21 22-Jul-21	Countries with community transmission and/or where VOC are circulating Extension Extension and amendment
Dominican Republic	Spanish	28-Jun-21	Australia, Brazil, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Monaco, Republic of Ireland, Republic of South Africa, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, United Kingdom
Ecuador	Spanish	06-Apr-21	Brazil
Grenada ^{**}	English	14-Jul-21	
Guatemala	Spanish	16-Apr-21 24-May-21	Brazil, Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom Amendment
Guyana ^{***}	English	03-Aug-21	
Honduras	Spanish	11-Jun-21	Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom,
Jamaica	English	03-Apr-21 05-May-21 ¹¹	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru, United Kingdom

⁷ On 11 August 2021, the National IHR Focal Point of Canada also reported to PAHO/WHO adjustments and extensions of international traffic-related measures, as reported in previous weekly accounts, available at: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

⁸ Also reported to PAHO/WHO by the National IHR Focal Point of Canada

⁹ Also reported to PAHO/WHO by the National IHR Focal Point of Canada

¹⁰ Also reported to PAHO/WHO by the National IHR Focal Point of Canada

¹¹ Rationale underpinning measures adopted provided by the National IHR Focal Point of Jamaica on 20 May 2021

State Party issuing measures	Hyperlinked description of measures and language of publication ⁶	Date information about measures published on governmental web pages/social media accounts	State/s Party/ies concerned by measures issued
		30-Jun-21	Extension - Inclusion of India, Trinidad and Tobago, and exclusion of United Kingdom Extension
Panama	Spanish Spanish Spanish	21-Dec-20 29-Mar-21 29-Apr-21 18 Jun-21	Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom South America Extensions and modifications, with inclusion of India, of all the above Amendment
Peru	Spanish	18-Jun-21 01-Jul-21 13-Jul-21 13-Aug-21 22-Aug-21	Brazil, India, Republic of South Africa Extension Extension Extension Extension
Saint Kitts and Nevis*	English	9-Jun-21	Brazil, India, Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom
Trinidad and Tobago***	English	17-Jul-21 (?)	
United States ^{12,13}	English English English English ¹⁴	24-Dec-20 12-Jan-21 25-Jan-21 30-Apr-21	United Kingdom All countries Brazil, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Republic of South Africa, Schengen Area ¹⁵ India

***Saint Kitts and Nevis:** Effective 29 May 2021, full vaccination against COVID-19 is the condition for granting entry (<https://www.stkittstourism.kn/>), contravening both, current Temporary Recommendations,¹⁶ as well as Articles 35 and 36 of the IHR.

****Grenada:** Effective 31 July 2021, full vaccination against COVID-19 is the condition for granting entry to non-national (<https://covid19.gov.gd/>), contravening both, current Temporary Recommendations,¹⁷ as well as Articles 35 and 36 of the IHR.

¹² Also reported to PAHO/WHO by the National IHR Focal Point of the United States

¹³ On ~~21 July~~ 23 August 2021, the Government of the United States extended the international traffic-related measures, as reported in previous weekly accounts, available at: <https://ca.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information-canada-3/>, <https://mx.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information-for-u-s-citizens-in-mexico/>; <https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-suspension-entry-immigrants-nonimmigrants-persons-pose-risk-transmitting-2019-novel-coronavirus/>; and <https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-suspension-entry-immigrants-nonimmigrants-certain-additional-persons-pose-risk-transmitting-coronavirus/>

¹⁴ Reported to PAHO/WHO by the National IHR Focal Point of the United States on 3 May 2021

¹⁵ The Schengen Area includes Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland

¹⁶ <https://bit.ly/36E1qZV>

¹⁷ <https://bit.ly/36E1qZV>

*****Guyana**: Effective 8 August 2021, foreign travellers will be required to be vaccinated with at least one dose of vaccine against COVID-19 prior to entering Guyana (<https://dpi.gov.gy/travellers-to-guyana-must-be-vaccinated-produce-negative-pcr-test/>), contravening both, current Temporary Recommendations,¹⁸ as well as Articles 35 and 36 of the IHR.

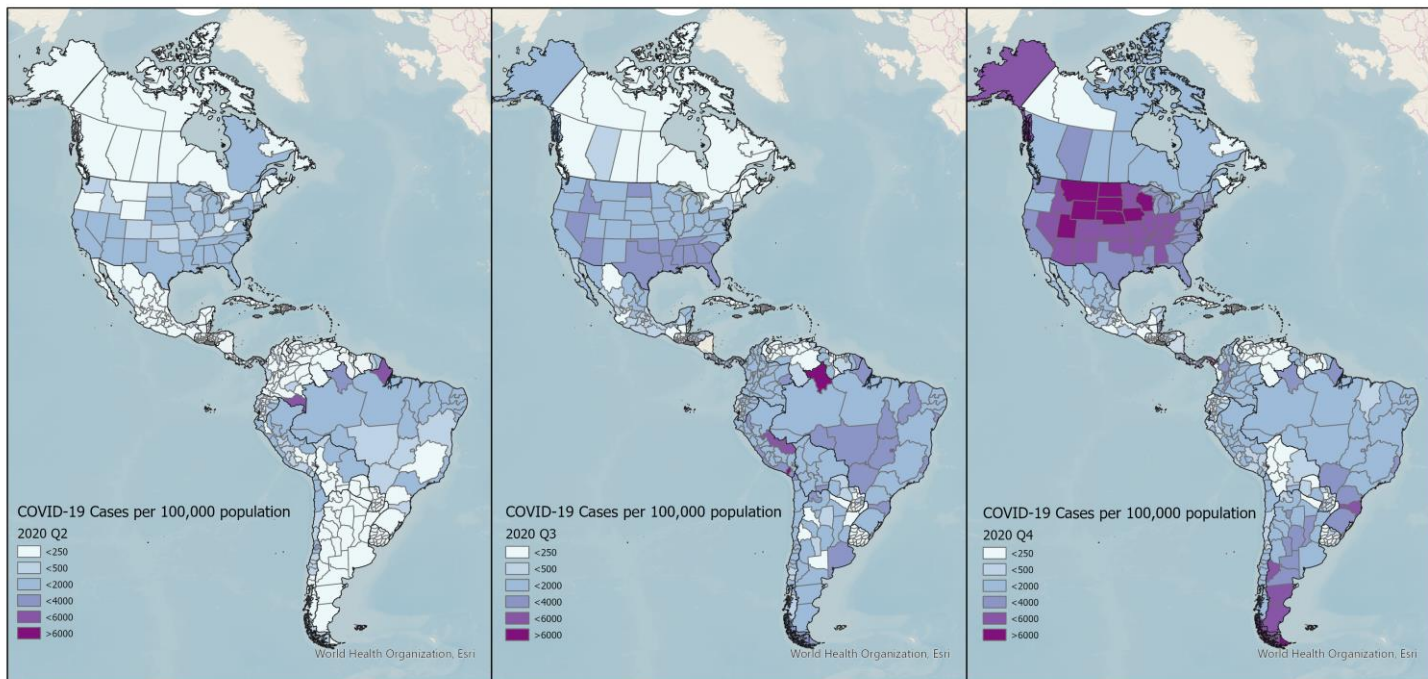
*****Trinidad and Tobago**: Effective 17 July 2021, full vaccination against COVID-19 is the condition for granting entry to non-national (<https://travelpass.gov.tt/travel-requirement>), contravening both, current Temporary Recommendations,¹⁹ as well as Articles 35 and 36 of the IHR.

International traffic-related measures adopted by States Parties outside the Region of the Americas, including those in response to the detection of SARS-CoV-2 variants, are periodically published on the WHO secure [Event Information Site](#) (EIS), established pursuant to IHR provisions and accessible to National IHR Focal Points.

¹⁸ <https://bit.ly/36E1qZV>

¹⁹ <https://bit.ly/36E1qZV>

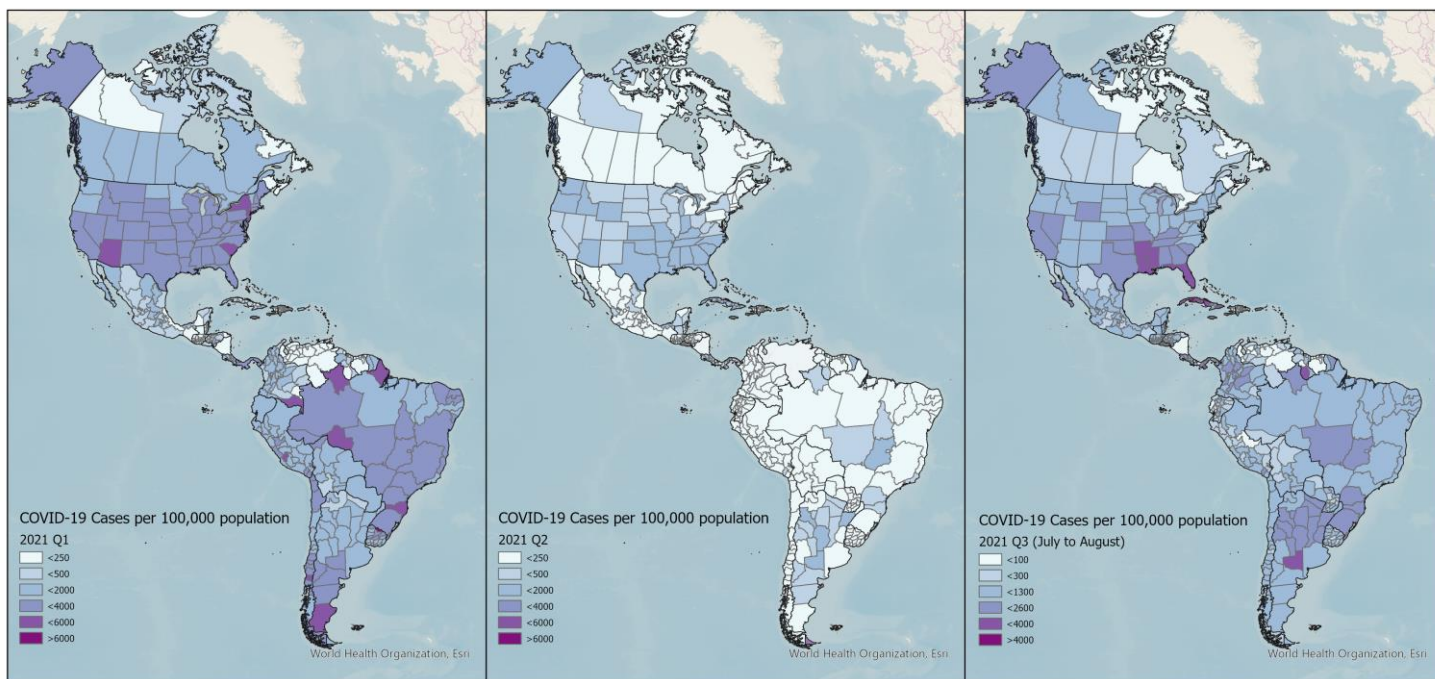
Map 1. COVID-19 case incidence per 100,000 populations divided into four quarters in 2020.



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Map 2. COVID-19 case incidence per 100,000 populations divided into four quarters in 2021.





























































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**COVID-19 situation reported by
 countries and territories in the Americas,
 as of 27 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		1,482,668	28%		26,864	-11%	Community transmission
	Mexico		3,291,761	-10%		256,287	10%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)		38,343,343	15%		629,782	33%	Community transmission
	Subtotal		43,117,772			912,933		
Central America	Belize		15,893	-6%		356	0%	Community transmission
	Costa Rica		452,997	19%		5,417	25%	Community transmission
	El Salvador		94,060	-28%		2,880	2%	Community transmission
	Guatemala		460,017	29%		11,768	13%	Community transmission
	Honduras		333,890	-20%		8,802	26%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua		8,867	22%		199	0%	Community transmission
	Panama		454,878	-14%		7,031	-29%	Community transmission
Subtotal		1,820,602			36,453			
South America	Argentina		5,161,926	-11%		111,117	0%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)		488,933	-12%		18,371	-7%	Community transmission
	Brazil		20,676,561	-13%		577,565	-14%	Community transmission
	Chile		1,636,627	-16%		36,807	-14%	Community transmission
	Colombia		4,899,085	-22%		124,567	-17%	Community transmission
	Ecuador		500,084	-38%		32,166	-30%	Community transmission
	Paraguay		458,207	-19%		15,653	16%	Community transmission
	Peru		2,146,169	-13%		198,064	-31%	Community transmission
	Uruguay		384,458	-8%		6,025	-29%	Community transmission
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		329,736	11%		3,955	1%	Community transmission
Subtotal		36,681,786			1,124,290			
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla		194	48%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda		1,598	101%		43	0%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba		14,318	-24%		133	0%	Community transmission
	Bahamas (the)		17,717	9%		343	-24%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados		4,741	32%		48	0%	Community transmission
	Bermuda		2,825	19%		33	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
Bonaire		1,749	-38%		17	0%	Community transmission	

Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Cayman Islands		669	160%		2	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
	Cuba		627,311	-1%		4,984	6%	Community transmission
	Curacao		15,134	-18%		142	50%	Community transmission
	Dominica		1,339	-67%		1	-100%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)		349,253	9%		4,007	38%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the)		64	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	French Guiana		34,166	-10%		215	83%	Community transmission
	Grenada		296	614%		1	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
	Guadeloupe		45,393	-33%		503	16%	Community transmission
	Guyana		24,864	34%		606	-5%	Community transmission
	Haiti		20,850	-44%		584	-100%	Community transmission
	Jamaica		64,899	17%		1,465	36%	Community transmission
	Martinique		35,953	-40%		411	133%	Community transmission
	Montserrat		26	-67%		1	0%	Imported/Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico		168,064	30%		2,804	39%	Community transmission
	Saba		10	-100%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Saint Barthelemy		1,592	-61%		1	0%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		995	62%		3	0%	Community transmission
	Saint Lucia		7,713	15%		101	100%	Community transmission
	Saint Martin		3,356	-24%		17	-106%	Community transmission
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		30	0%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		2,326	-54%		12	0%	Community transmission
	Sint Eustatius		24	-100%				Imported/Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten		3,580	-10%		47	67%	Community transmission
	Suriname		28,228	54%		707	-54%	Community transmission
	Trinidad and Tobago		43,750	-15%		1,258	2%	Community transmission
	Turks and Caicos		2,628	-37%		20	0%	Clusters of cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)		2,568	-100%		37	0%	Community transmission
Virgin Islands (US)		5,760	-47%		53	200%	Community transmission	
Subtotal		1,533,983			18,599			
Total		83,154,143			2,092,275			

* 7 Day Moving Average

Legend





	>50% increase
	10% to 50% increase
	10 to -10% change
	10% to 50% decrease
	>50% decrease

Table notes on the next page.

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/2FxFK2fs>.
- 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 145 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); 140,130 were positive by RT-PCR and 27,934 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 27-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/2RSpap5> and <https://bit.ly/2RVI2n6>.

Uruguay: According to the latest Uruguay Ministry of Public Health report, the total notes 13 positive cases reported in the last 24 hours were excluded from the total. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3ykm9ND>.

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

Bermuda: Cases were retrospectively adjusted for 26 August 2021 to align with the Bermuda Ministry of Health indicating 2808 cases.

Ecuador: Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted for 26 August 2021 to align with the Ecuador Ministry of Health indicating 500,084 cases including 32,166 deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2UV6OFK>.

Guatemala: Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted for 26 August 2021 to align with the Guatemala Ministry of Health indicating 455,263 cases including 11,694 deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3sQ1fFb>.

Haiti: Cases were retrospectively adjusted for 23-24 August 2021 to align with the Haiti Ministry of Health indicating 20,845 and 20,850 cases, respectively. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3gGx2mX> and <https://bit.ly/3zoo3OJ>.

United States: The US CDC released additional data for 26 August 2021. Cases and deaths were retrospectively adjusted to align with the US CDC indicating 38,178,112 cases including 628,579 deaths.