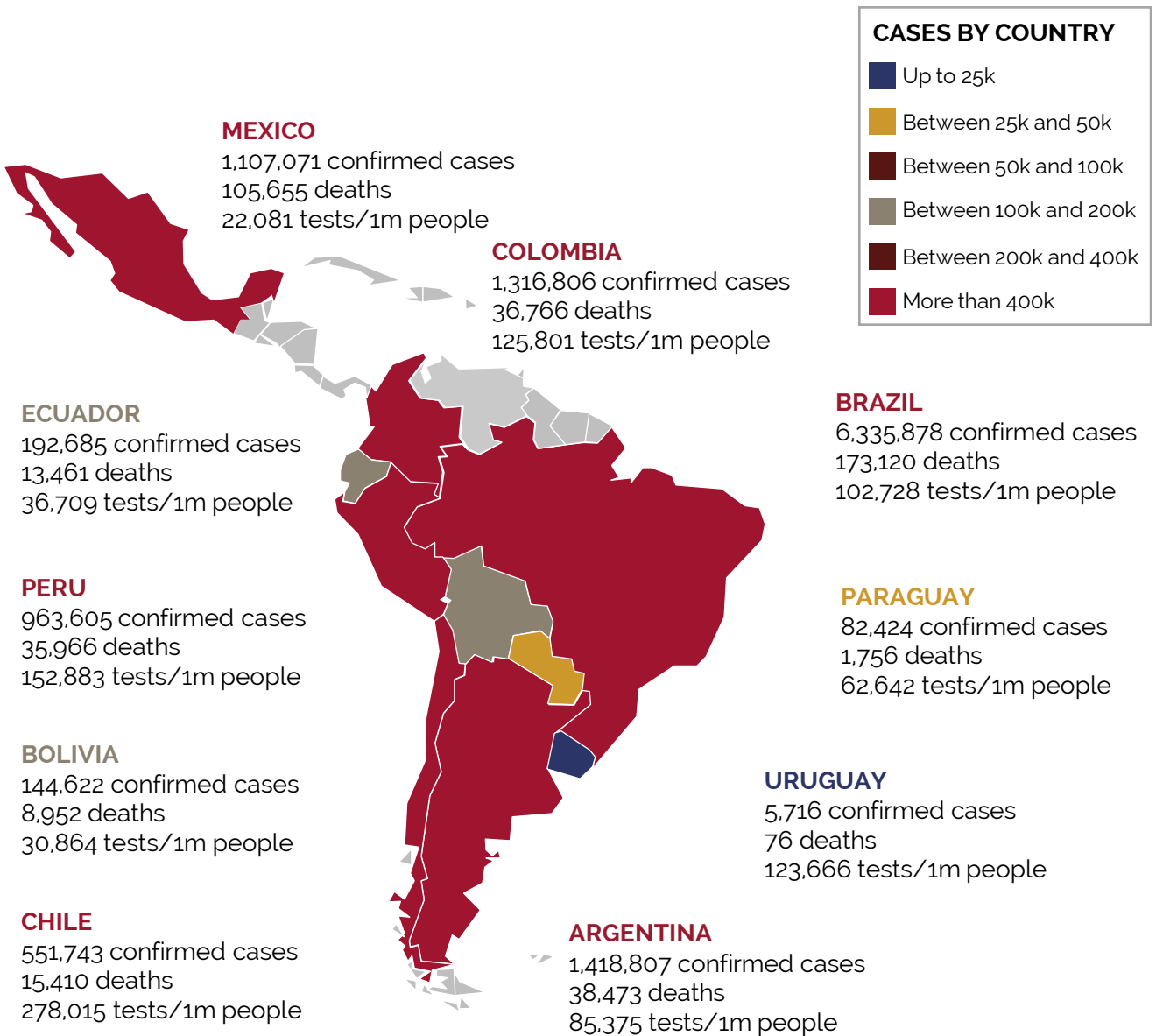


SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA



Source: Prospectiva. At 6pm, 30/11/20

COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 30, 2020

COVID-19 CASE EVOLUTION: THIS WEEK'S DATA

| COUNTRY | CASES | | | DEATHS | | | TESTS |
|------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------|--------------------|-----------|
| | TOTAL | NEW | W-O-W INCREASE (%) | TOTAL | NEW | W-O-W INCREASE (%) | X -MILION |
| ARGENTINA | 1,418,807 | 44,176 | -21.5% | 38,473 | 1,351 | -3% | 85,375 |
| BOLIVIA | 144,622 | 644 | 6.1% | 8,952 | 45 | -6% | 30,864 |
| BRAZIL | 6,335,878 | 248,270 | 41.2% | 173,120 | 3,635 | 30% | 102,728 |
| CHILE | 551,743 | 9,663 | 14.1% | 15,410 | 304 | 36% | 278,015 |
| COLOMBIA | 1,316,806 | 61,827 | 24.2% | 36,766 | 1,287 | 2% | 125,801 |
| ECUADOR | 192,685 | 6,741 | 39.3% | 13,461 | 236 | 18% | 36,709 |
| MEXICO | 1,107,071 | 65,196 | 100.7% | 105,655 | 3,979 | 41% | 22,081 |
| PARAGUAY | 82,424 | 5,948 | 35.9% | 1,756 | 99 | 80% | 62,642 |
| PERU | 963,605 | 13,048 | 6.2% | 35,966 | 325 | -12% | 152,883 |
| URUGUAY | 5,716 | 1,017 | 70.9% | 76 | 5 | 25% | 123,666 |

Source: National Health Ministries (As of: 30/11/2020 | 18:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: COVID-19 vaccination plan advances.

Bolivia: Chile and Bolivia to evaluate reopening of borders

Brazil: COVID-19 vaccination plan to be announced.

Colombia: Sanitary Emergency extended until 2021.

Chile: Second emergency income launched amid healthcare worker's strike.

Ecuador: National Assembly approves removal of the Minister of Government.

Mexico: Pfizer has requested sanitary registration of its COVID-19 vaccine.

Paraguay: Mandatory face mask law enacted .

Peru: State of Emergency extender for another 90 days.

Uruguay: Government to increase COVID-19 testing tests after cases rose.

ARGENTINA

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1,418,807 | 38,473 | 1,249,843 | 848 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Interior drafts census for COVID-19 vaccination plans. COVID-19 vaccination committee holds first meeting. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severance payments for unjustified lay-offs extended until January 2021. Special export fees for SMEs extended. |
| | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National government extends social isolation measures until December 20th. In-house school sessions to be resumed by March 2021. Province of Buenos Aires enacts protocols for summer season. |
| Outlook | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congressional virtual sessions extended until March 2021 without support from the opposition. Budget allocation to the city of Buenos Aires takes over congressional agenda in last days of ordinary sessions. Special elections in Rio Cuarto take place. Government to seek Bolivia's membership to MERCOSUR bloc. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Finance rules out further requests for financial assistance. |
| | Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confrontations with police forces in Diego Maradona's memorial service. |

BOLIVIA

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 144,622 | 8,952 | 121,472 | 763 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Minister announced the arrival of a COVID-19 vaccine for the first quarter of next year amid concerns on a virus regrowth. While no specific agreements have been signed, the government confirmed advances and discussions for accessing the COVID-19 vaccine. The Ministry of Health to prompt a prevention, diagnosis and treatment plan against Covid-19 in the country. British ambassador and Bolivian Minister of Health met to discuss cooperation. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government to boost economic measures amid the pandemic crisis. President Luis Arce announced new measures for SME's amid the recovery phase. |
| | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chile and Bolivia to evaluate reopening of borders. |
| Outlook | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congress coordinates the creation of special laws to reform the judicial system, according to local press. After a massive reception, former president Evo Morales has actively participated in social and political encounters. Main policies and programs prompted by Arce's government so far. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government confirms unemployment level higher than 11% for this year. |

BRAZIL

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 6,335,878 | 173,120 | 5,601,864 | 812 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 vaccination plan expected to be delivered on December 1st by the Ministry of Health. Attorney General calls for compulsory vaccination against COVID-19. Personal data of 16 million COVID-19 patients exposed. Pfizer begins process to register COVID-19 vaccine. Minister of Health speaks before the Senate on soon to be expired COVID-19 testing kits. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Finance lowers debt forecast for 2020. Emergency aids to end in 2020 according to Minister Guedes. |
| Outlook | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sao Paulo enforces stricter social distancing measures. |
| | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second round of local elections takes place. President of the Chamber of Deputies argues that the tax reform could be approved this year, even without the government's support. Chamber of Deputies to vote on bill that authorizes allocation for purchase of COVID-19 vaccines. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Finance expects a total of 300,000 jobs to be lost in 2020. Inflation reaches 4,22% in November. |

CHILE

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 551,743 | 15,410 | 525,604 | 803 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 vaccination will begin to take place in the first quarter of 2021, the Minister of Health <u>announced</u>. Experts <u>warned</u> new COVID-19 spread in the Metropolitan Region. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New fiscal bonus for quarantine zones <u>launched</u>. President Piñera <u>announced</u> the <i>Bono Covid Navidad</i> and highlighted employment advances. Second emergency income to be <u>launched</u> for those communes that experience a regrowth of cases. Government <u>publishes</u> massive call for public tenders of the <i>Plan Paso a Paso</i>. |
| | Country reopening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land borders remain close as authorities are <u>discussing</u> actions and protocols in case of reopening. |
| Outlook | Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare worker strikes <u>continue</u> amid demands against the health 2021 budget. |
| | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate <u>approved</u> bill that allows a second withdrawal of 10% of pensions. President Piñera <u>highlighted</u> the approval of the 2021 Budget Law by the Congress. President Piñera officialy <u>called</u> the constituent election for April 11. |
| | Economic | <p>New estimates of the copper price could <u>report</u> more than USD \$1 billion for the country, according to local press. Minister of Finance <u>celebrated</u> a decrease in unemployment figures in the country.</p> |

COLOMBIA

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
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| 1,316,806 | 36,766 | 1,210,489 | 719 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanitary Emergency extended until February 28 2021. Minister of Health comments on plans to procure and distribute COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. Government publishes Seroprevalence study. Bill declaring COVID-19 vaccines as of general interest moves forward in Congress. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Duque sanctioned 2021 National Budget. |
| Outlook | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Attorney General speaks before Congress after a group of Senators questioned his participation in the events that led to the arrest of a former FARC combatant. Former President Uribe outlines four proposals for 2021. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipation over who will take over as new President of the Central Bank. Minister of Finance proposes discussion on tax reform. Fedesarrollo warns of 3% contraction in Industrial Confidence Index. After third scheduled VAT-free day, business guild calls on the government to make it a permanent initiative. |
| | Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey reveals drop in citizens willing to receive COVID-19 vaccine. |

ECUADOR

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 192,685 | 13,461 | 169,804 | 758 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of COVID-19 vaccines would start three to five days after their arrival to the country, according to ARCSA's director. • The Guayas Medical Association has suggested an emergency import of sedatives. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The World Bank approved 500 million USD in credit and 14.1 million USD of non-reimbursable resources for Ecuador's economic recovery. |
| | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecuador and Colombia are coordinating the reopening of borders to reactivate the economy, according to both presidents. |
| Outlook | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Assembly approved the removal of the Minister of Government for her intervention in the 2019 protests. • The Health Commission in the National Assembly is analyzing the new process of Reverse Auction of Medicines. • The National Electoral Council (CNE) called on the international community to accompany and observe the organization of the upcoming elections. |
| | Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning service workers of public hospitals protested to demand that the Government pay their due wages. • The Prosecutor's Office reported that it began an exhumation process as part of the investigation regarding dozens of dead disappeared during the pandemic. • Nurses also protested in Quito against the recently published Humanitarian Law. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Economy expects to receive 2 billion USD from the IMF in upcoming weeks. |

MEXICO

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1,107,071 | 105,655 | 818,397 | 816 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President AMLO announced a funeral expenses support program for families of those killed by COVID-19. • Pfizer delivered to COFEPRIS the request for the sanitary registration of its COVID-19 vaccine. • In upcoming weeks AstraZeneca will present to COFEPRIS the first results of its clinical study of the COVID-19 vaccine. • According to the Health Secretariat, a test to simultaneously detect COVID-19 and influenza will soon be available. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President AMLO signed three decrees to grant fiscal incentives on the southern border and announced an extension on fiscal incentives on the northern border |
| | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to COVID-19, the Foreign Affairs Secretariat asked the population to avoid non-essential trips during December. • Some COVID-19 hospitals in Mexico City are beginning to report they have no more capacity once again. |
| Outlook | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Public Function Secretariat reported that within a month nine contractors of the Health sector were sanctioned. • AMLO presented the “Ethical Guide for the Transformation of Mexico”. |
| | Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Health Commission in Congress discussed tobacco control initiatives with federal officials. •A reform approved in the Senate contemplates the creation of the Mexican Institute for the Regulation and Control of Cannabis. •IMSS reported advances in the implementation of a public policy for the care of pediatric oncology patients |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The private initiative agreed with President AMLO to review the recently announced reforms to the Outsourcing Law. •Banco de Mexico considers that the economic recovery will be difficult and might be prolonged until mid-2024. |

PARAGUAY

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 824,424 | 1,756 | 58,453 | 245 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government <u>implements</u> new measures to control the expansion of the virus in the country. Government prompts law that <u>establishes</u> the mandatory use of masks. Brazilian government <u>donates</u> more than 50,000 Covid test kits. Concerns <u>arise</u> over the increase of Covid cases in the past few days. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidies for informal sectors in Caacupé <u>announced</u>. |
| | Country opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions with the government of Argentina for the reopening of borders <u>continues</u>. |
| Outlook | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Jair Bolsonaro and Mario Abdo Benitez will <u>meet</u> on December 1st. Senate <u>approves</u> 2021 National Budget modifications after long discussions in Congress. |
| | Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strikes <u>upsurged</u> in Asunción after changes in agricultural funds plan. |

PERU

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 963,605 | 35,966 | 894,741 | 1,085 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister of Health is coordinating with the the National Office of Electoral Processes (ONPE) a COVID-19 vaccination plan, which will be carried out in polling places. • President Sagasti plans to start vaccination against COVID-19 at the end of the first quarter of 2021. • The Ministry of Health announced a national plan to face a possible second wave of the coronavirus. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress began debate on the draft Budget Law for 2021. |
| | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government extended for 90 days, until the beginning of March 2021, the state of health emergency and lifted restrictions for children under 12 years of age. |
| Outlook | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superior Court of Arequipa ordered the removal of the regional governor due to mismanagement of the coronavirus crisis. • Thousands of workers protested to demand a new Constitution. |
| | Social | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MoH reported that the epidemiological alert for diphtheria has decreased but is going to be maintained. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Minister of Economy and Finance reported that by early 2021 positive growth rates of the GDP are expected. |

URUGUAY

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 5,716 | 76 | 4,267 | 22 |

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| Government Measures | Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epidemiological panorama in the country updated. • Government will increase number of tests, diagnostic capacity and COVID-19 cases tracing. • Minister of Health participated at the Cooperation Forum between Korea - Latin America and the Caribbean. • Concerns arise after increase of COVID-19 cases in the country. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic food prices basket table updated as of November 25. • Government debt management will incorporate sustainable financing, official statement announced. |
| Outlook | Political | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorados request President Lacalle Pou for a political dialogue to address the actions of the government amid the crisis and beyond. |
| | Economic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dollar falls again in Uruguay while it rises in Argentina and Brazil. • Unemployment is what worries Uruguayans the most, according to survey. |

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