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## COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

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### SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

#### MEXICO

2,250,458 confirmed cases  
204,147 deaths  
7.01 vaccines/100 people

#### COLOMBIA

2,446,219 confirmed cases  
64,094 deaths  
4.68 vaccines/100 people

#### ECUADOR

336,777 confirmed cases  
16,987 deaths  
1.60 vaccines/100 people

#### BRAZIL

13,013,601 confirmed cases  
332,752 deaths  
9.91 vaccines/100 people

#### PERU

1,582,367 confirmed cases  
52,877 deaths  
2.61 vaccines/100 people

#### BOLIVIA

274,934 confirmed cases  
12,324 deaths  
2.76 vaccines/100 people

#### PARAGUAY

221,207 confirmed cases  
4,399 deaths  
0.64 vaccines/100 people

#### CHILE

1,032,612 confirmed cases  
23,677 deaths  
56.43 vaccines/100 people

#### URUGUAY

111,757 confirmed cases  
1,101 deaths  
22.6 vaccines/100 people

#### ARGENTINA

2,393,492 confirmed cases  
56,199 deaths  
9.37 vaccines/100 people

#### CASES BY COUNTRY

Up to 25k	Between 100k and 200k
Between 25k and 50k	Between 200k and 400k
Between 50k and 100k	More than 400k

# COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

MARCH 29 – APRIL 5, 2021

## COVID-19 CASE EVOLUTION: THIS WEEK'S DATA

COUNTRY	CASES			DEATHS			TESTS X -MILION
	TOTAL	NEW	W-O-W INCREASE (%)	TOTAL	NEW	W-O-W INCREASE (%)	
<b>ARGENTINA</b>	2,393,492	84,895	80.6%	56,199	750	20%	199,298
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	274,934	5,306	20.0%	12,324	138	23%	78,622
<b>BRAZIL</b>	13,013,601	478,913	20.3%	332,752	20,453	52%	133,830
<b>CHILE</b>	1,032,612	48,128	15.9%	23,677	607	-12%	599,640
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	2,446,219	63,489	78.8%	64,094	1,139	67%	251,552
<b>ECUADOR</b>	336,777	11,653	0.9%	16,987	241	0%	65,274
<b>MEXICO</b>	2,250,458	23,908	-18.7%	204,147	2,524	-25%	47,233
<b>PARAGUAY</b>	221,207	12,552	19.3%	4,399	336	37%	129,931
<b>PERU</b>	1,582,367	52,485	-8.1%	52,877	1,408	25%	286,268
<b>URUGUAY</b>	117,757	20,351	54.5%	1,101	186	79%	411,125

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 05/04/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Argentina:** While negotiations to purchase new vaccines open, the number of cases rapidly increased during the past week.

**Bolivia:** Government closes borders with Brazil to impede the arrival of new COVID-19 variants.

**Brazil:** Tensions amid cabinet reshuffle

**Colombia:** President Duque announced new lockdown measures.

**Chile:** Senate approved bill to postpone April's elections.

**Ecuador:** The World Bank approved USD 150 million in funds for COVID-19 response.

**Mexico:** The political campaigns for the midterm elections begun amid protests from the private health sector over the lack of vaccines.

**Paraguay:** Growing tensions with international organisms due to COVAX delays.

**Peru:** President Sagasti announced that he will soon unveil a new vaccination plan against COVID-19, meanwhile a new vice minister of Health was appointed.

**Uruguay:** Amid swift vaccination rollout, COVID-19 cases continue to rise

# ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,393,492	56,199	2,140,480	1,235	9.37

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Alberto Fernandez was <a href="#">diagnosed</a> with COVID-19, two months after being vaccinated.</li> <li>COVID-19 cases <a href="#">increased</a> 65% during the last week.</li> <li>Buenos Aires' Province Health Minister <a href="#">called</a> for lower circulation to avoid saturating the health care system</li> <li>According to a <a href="#">local newspaper</a>, the President will seek to purchase a Cuban vaccine as of May.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Argentina has received over <a href="#">7 million doses</a> of different vaccines to combat COVID-19.</li> <li>The President <a href="#">opened</a> negotiations with Biden to purchase Astra Zeneca's vaccines.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to <a href="#">INDEC</a>, poverty increased in the second quarter of 2020 and reached 42% of the population.</li> <li>Government <a href="#">re-launched</a> competitiveness support program to assist small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).</li> </ul>
	<b>Country Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting organized between national government and AMBA leaders to analyze <a href="#">new restrictions</a>.</li> <li>Government <a href="#">extended</a> remote work in public offices until April 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Alberto Fernandez met with the mayor of the city of Buenos Aires to analyze the <a href="#">epidemiological</a> situation.</li> <li>President Putin <a href="#">called</a> President Alberto Fernandez.</li> <li>President of the Chamber of Deputies again asked for the <a href="#">suspension</a> of the primary elections based on concerns about contagion.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economy Minister and head of Central Bank <a href="#">to attend</a> G20, IMF and World Bank meetings next week.</li> </ul>
	<b>Social</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private medical company president <a href="#">warned</a> about the collapse of the health care system.</li> </ul>

# BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
274,934	12,324	224,998	1,045	2.76

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Luis Arce <a href="#">approved</a> a decree to extend exceptional sanitary measures throughout the country until the end of April.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 200,000 Sinopharm doses of COVID-19 vaccines <a href="#">arrived</a> in the country at the beginning of last week.</li> <li>Government <a href="#">launched</a> a digital platform to facilitate the vaccine registration process.</li> <li>After local health centers in Santa Cruz called for faster vaccine distribution, the government <a href="#">confirmed</a> the existence of doses to be used before the arrival of new shipments.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New measures were <a href="#">announced</a> by the government for passengers arriving from a foreign country. A negative PCR test will be compulsory and travelers must isolate themselves for at least 10 days.</li> <li>Stricter COVID-19 measures to be <a href="#">enacted</a> after the closure of Brazil's border for more than 7 days.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than nine former officials of Añez's government have been <a href="#">detained</a>, according to the local press.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unemployment rate drops below 9% in January, <a href="#">according</a> to the government.</li> <li>President Arce gathered with union and business leaders in Sucre to <a href="#">discuss</a> the economic recovery plan.</li> </ul>
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 140 tons of food were <a href="#">delivered</a> to La Paz, Chuquisaca, Potosi, and other affected regions after heavy rains hit the country.</li> <li>Health strikes <a href="#">extended</a> for 15 more days after the government didn't found a way out for the union leader's petitions.</li> </ul>

# BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
13,013,601	332,752	11,436,189	1,557	9.91

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STF Minister Nunes Marques unilaterally <a href="#">permitted</a> religious celebrations ahead of Easter, against previous STF precedent on state health restrictions amid the pandemic.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PL 1011/2020, which deals with the vaccination of priority groups, had its basic text <a href="#">approved</a> in the House, but still faces further analysis.</li> <li>New Health Minister Marcelo Quiroga <a href="#">announced</a> that Brazil can expect 30 million vaccine doses in April, from the Butantan Institute and Fiocruz.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Order on Business Environment <a href="#">introduces</a> microeconomic reforms meant to improve the business environment.</li> <li>President Bolsonaro <a href="#">announced</a> the emergency aid will be paid a week earlier than expected, on April 6th, amid new restrictions on economic activity.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A surprise cabinet reshuffle <a href="#">implemented</a> by President Bolsonaro created tension with the Armed Forces but sought to placate Congress.</li> <li>The heads of each branch of the Armed Forces <a href="#">resigned</a> in protest of Bolsonaro's firing of Minister of Defense General Fernando Azevedo e Silva, highlighting a growing institutional conflict between the Armed Forces and the Executive branch.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The budget impasse between the President's economic team and Congress over mandatory spending estimates may <a href="#">delay</a> the signing of the budget.</li> <li>The MP on "Doing Business" <a href="#">demonstrated</a> the administration's economic goals over the next few years including economic freedom, bankruptcy law, licensing, registration and credit, and tax reform.</li> </ul>

# CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,032,612	23,677	965,641	1,231	56.43

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 active cases <a href="#">reached</a> a record high.</li> <li>More than 4,000 ICU beds will be <a href="#">delivered</a> in the main hospitals and health centers.</li> <li>President Piñera <a href="#">kickstarts</a> a massive vaccination campaign against Influenza.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MoH <a href="#">received</a> the largest Pfizer shipment with more than 360,000 vaccine doses.</li> <li>A new agreement with CanSino-Saval was <a href="#">signed</a>. More than 1.8 million new doses are expected to arrive in the country between May and June.</li> <li>Around 80% of people over 60 years have been vaccinated with at least one dose, President Piñera <a href="#">announced</a>.</li> <li>For the first time, more than 100,000 vaccine doses were <a href="#">delivered</a> to different regions in the country to continue vaccine rollout.</li> </ul>
	Country reopening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel abroad will be restricted for 30 days, both for Chilean citizens and resident foreigners, government <a href="#">announced</a>.</li> <li>New communes will enter into <a href="#">lockdowns</a> for the upcoming week.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A slight improvement in the labor market was <a href="#">registered</a> by INE's National Employment Survey.</li> </ul>
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senate <a href="#">approves</a> Bono Clase Media and Prestamo Solidario for vulnerable families.</li> <li>The Senate <a href="#">approved</a> a bill to postpone April's elections. The initiative will advance to be voted at the Chamber of Deputies.</li> <li>More than 20 leaders from different countries, including President Piñera, <a href="#">called</a> for a pandemic treaty to respond to future crises.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government will <a href="#">apply</a> a new survey to measure the economic and social impact amid the COVID-19 crisis.</li> </ul>

# COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,446,219	64,094	2,317,564	1,250	4.68

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">launched</a> a new technology mechanism to mitigate the spread of cancer in the country.</li> <li>Congress announced the beginning of the Health Bill (Bill 425/2020 House // No 10/ 2020 Senate) debate on the second week of April.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions for the first vehicle vaccination center against COVID-19 <a href="#">moves forward</a>. More than 1,400 people are expected to be vaccinated with this mechanism.</li> <li>Draft resolution establishes the <a href="#">conditions</a> for private sector companies to import COVID-19 vaccines.</li> <li>While the country has <a href="#">vaccinated</a> more than 2 million people, more than 1 million are expected to be inoculated in the upcoming weeks.</li> <li>According to the MoH, AstraZeneca's vaccine doses will be <a href="#">delivered</a> firstly to healthcare workers.</li> <li>More than 380 thousand new Pfizer vaccines <a href="#">arrived</a> at Bogota DC in the course of last week.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jaime Jaramillo was <a href="#">appointed</a> as the new Central Bank co-director.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several cities announced new mobility restrictions after President Duque <a href="#">recommended</a> enforcing local quarantines. Among the cities that have decreed a curfew are Santiago de Cali and Medellin.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The International Monetary Fund (IMF) <a href="#">launched</a> its 2021 projections, including Colombian economic forecasts.</li> <li>Union groups <a href="#">awaits</a> to have more information before taking an official position regarding the tax reform, local press stated.</li> <li>Business sector credit could be affected by the new 2021 tax reform, Fitch Ratings <a href="#">announced</a>.</li> </ul>
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centrist presidential candidate Sergio Fajardo was <a href="#">charged</a> with embezzlement after signing a contract when he was Antioquia's governor.</li> </ul>



# ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
336,777	16,987	290,314	952	1.60

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government <a href="#">paid</a> USD 46.2 million owed to providers within the health sector.</li> <li>A filtered audio has <a href="#">revealed</a> concerns by the Minister of Health regarding the immunization process, including the uncertainty on the exact number of vaccines available.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to a Judge's sentence, the Ministry of Health <a href="#">must</a> submit to the Ombudsman's Office regional information on the people who were immunized in phase zero of the COVID-19 vaccination plan.</li> <li>Ecuador <a href="#">began</a> the vaccination process for more than 50,000 police officers included in Phase 1.</li> <li>One million doses of Sinovac's vaccine are <a href="#">expected</a> for arrival.</li> <li>The Association of Municipalities <a href="#">called</a> for an equitable distribution of vaccines.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Moreno <a href="#">declared</a> a state of exception in eight provinces due to the increase of COVID-19 contagions.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Electoral Council <a href="#">began</a> a technical test of its computer system prior to the second round of the presidential elections on April 11.</li> <li>The United States Ambassador in Quito <a href="#">met</a> with the two finalist candidates for the Presidency of Ecuador.</li> </ul>
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical unions <a href="#">warned</a> of the pandemic reaching a new critical phase and asked for more restrictive measures.</li> <li>The government <a href="#">announced</a> a USD 200 handout to 293,000 front-line workers.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The country's economy <a href="#">contracted</a> 7.8% in 2020 due to the pandemic; less than the 9.5% expected by the IMF.</li> <li>The World Bank <a href="#">announced</a> the approval of 150 million USD for COVID-19 response.</li> </ul>



# MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,250,458	204,147	1,788,209	1,571	7.01

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President AMLO <a href="#">stated</a> he won't get the COVID-19 vaccine thanks to antibodies from previous infection.</li> <li>The Health Secretariat <a href="#">confirmed</a> that two of the three coronavirus variants that most concern WHO and PAHO have been identified in Mexico.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A video of an empty vaccine dose being applied has <a href="#">prompted</a> concerns in Mexico City.</li> <li>The Health Secretariat <a href="#">reported</a> that more than a million people have a complete vaccination scheme against COVID-19 in the country so far.</li> <li>Vaccine doses from Sputnik and Pfizer have <a href="#">continued</a> to arrive in the country.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The political campaigns for the midterm elections on June 6<sup>th</sup> have officially <a href="#">begun</a>.</li> </ul>
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private sector health personnel <a href="#">protested</a> in Mexico City demanding to be vaccinated.</li> <li>Despite warning from the health authorities thousands of Mexicans <a href="#">traveled</a> to the country's beaches during the rest days; a third wave of coronavirus is now expected.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The World Bank <a href="#">expects</a> the country's GDP to grow 4.5% in 2021.</li> <li>The Employers' Confederation of the Mexican Republic has <a href="#">proposed</a> 5 actions to prevent the pandemic from worsening.</li> </ul>

# PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
221,207	4,399	181,949	611	0.64

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paraguay's Society of Infectology <a href="#">warns</a> that ivermectin is not recommend for treating COVID-19.</li> <li>Chamber of Deputies <a href="#">approves</a> bill removing confidence from PAHO's country representative due to questionings on COVAX's delivery timeframe.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After issuing complaints, Abdo administration <a href="#">expects</a> a shipment of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX mechanism to arrive between April and May.</li> <li>Ministry of Health puts vaccination with COVAXIN COVID-19 vaccines on <a href="#">standby</a> while national regulators authorize its use.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">issues</a> new lockdown and quarantine measures to be enforced between April 5th and 12th.</li> <li>Three penitentiaries <a href="#">closed</a> due to rise in COVID-19 cases.</li> <li>Ministry of Education <a href="#">suggests</a> that districts that have a sanitary alert, continue with online schooling for a week.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amid political tensions and social turmoil, President Abdo Benitez delivered his first <a href="#">speech</a> after 24 days.</li> <li>Paraguay caught amid <a href="#">geopolitical strife</a> between the U.S and China in its efforts to secure COVID-19 vaccines.</li> <li>Delegation before the WTO <a href="#">claims</a> inequality in access to COVID-19 vaccines.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Poverty</a> increased 3.4 points in 2020, reaching 26.9%.</li> <li>Ministry of Finance <a href="#">delivers report</a> on actions taken amid the COVID-19 crisis.</li> <li>Customs office <a href="#">reports</a> surplus in tax collection.</li> </ul>

## PERU

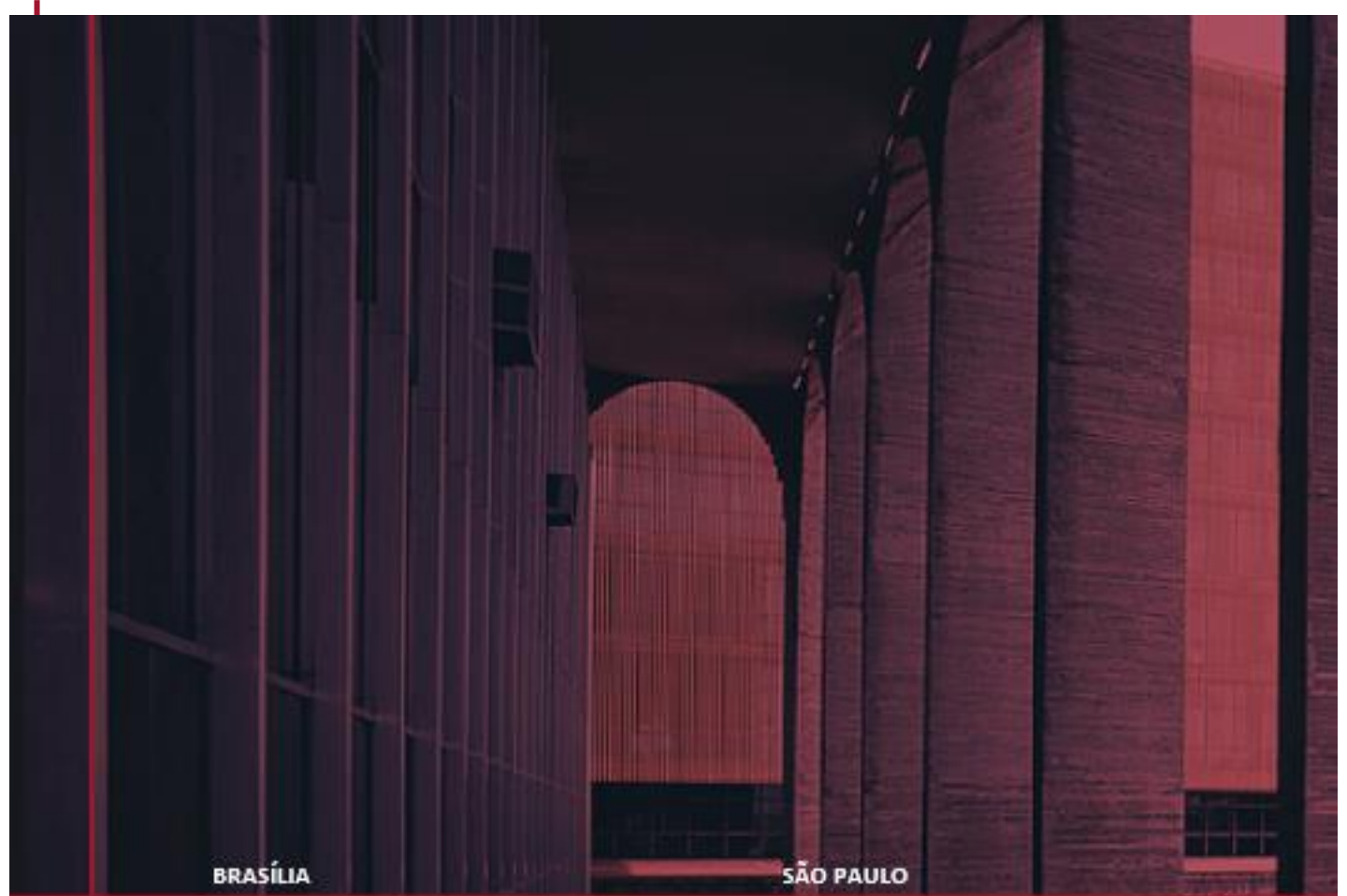
TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,582,367	52,877	1,500,582	1,587	2.61

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government <a href="#">approved</a> extraordinary measures for the purchase and implementation of medicinal oxygen plants.</li> <li>The Ministry of Health <a href="#">recommended</a> the use of two face masks to deal with the Brazilian coronavirus variant, and assured that this variant was the predominant one in the country.</li> <li>A new vice minister of Public Health was <a href="#">appointed</a>.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Sagasti <a href="#">announced</a> that he will soon unveil "a new vaccination plan against COVID-19" that will be more efficient.</li> <li>The Ministry of Health <a href="#">assured</a> that Sputnik V negotiations are about to be concluded.</li> <li>The Ombudsman's Office is <a href="#">preparing</a> a lawsuit against the State from volunteers of the Sinopharm vaccine, who have not received a second dose.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congress <a href="#">approved</a> a third withdrawal of pension funds for affiliates economically affected by the pandemic.</li> </ul>
	<b>Country opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On April 19, the voluntary and gradual return to schools will <a href="#">begin</a>.</li> <li>The Government <a href="#">extended</a> the suspension for two more weeks regarding the entry of commercial flights from the United Kingdom, South Africa and Brazil.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First round of the presidential elections to <a href="#">take</a> place on April 11, despite new COVID-19 deaths record.</li> <li>The National Office of Electoral Processes of Peru <a href="#">announced</a> that Peruvians residing in Chile will not be able to vote in the elections.</li> <li>A fourth presidential candidate was <a href="#">diagnosed</a> with COVID-19.</li> </ul>
	<b>Social</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations has <a href="#">received</a> over 1,300 requests for an orphan's pension due to COVID-19.</li> </ul>

# URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
117,757	1,101	89,035	316	22.6

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to Oxford University website, Uruguay is the country with more positive cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the last week, local press <u>reported</u>.</li> <li>Uruguayan medical union (SMU) warned of a <u>collapse</u> of medical attention " at all levels".</li> <li>Total intensive care bed occupancy is about 70%, local press <u>reported</u>.</li> <li>Health Minister <u>travels</u> to a geriatric home in Fray Bentos after fifteen elderly people died of COVID19.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48 thousand doses of <u>AstraZeneca vaccines</u> from the COVAX fund arrived at the country.</li> <li>More than <u>800 thousand</u> doses were applied. Uruguay is one of the countries with the highest number of daily vaccines administered <u>every 100 thousand</u> inhabitants.</li> <li>Three vaccination centers opened at <u>Carrasco airport</u>.</li> <li>Government announced that vaccination <u>over 70 years</u> of age with at least one dose of Pfizer will take place in April.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry Ministry to present a pilot project to produce <u>green oxygen</u>.</li> <li>A cargo ship that will transport 90,000 tons to China has <u>arrived</u> in the country. The loading operation will involve some 3,000 trucks and will take ten days.</li> </ul>
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <u>extended</u> the suspension of on-site classes.</li> <li>Police broke up three clandestine parties in Salto, local press <u>remarked</u>.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the pandemic, members of the PRO Referendum Commission against the LUC asked for a <u>time extension</u> to collect signatures.</li> <li>Bank employees (AEBU) to hold a <u>24-hour strike</u> demanding sanitary measures.</li> </ul>



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