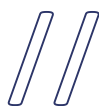
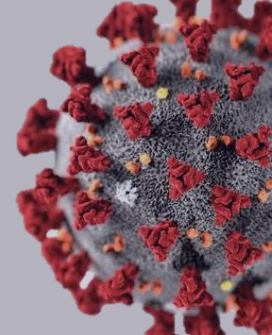


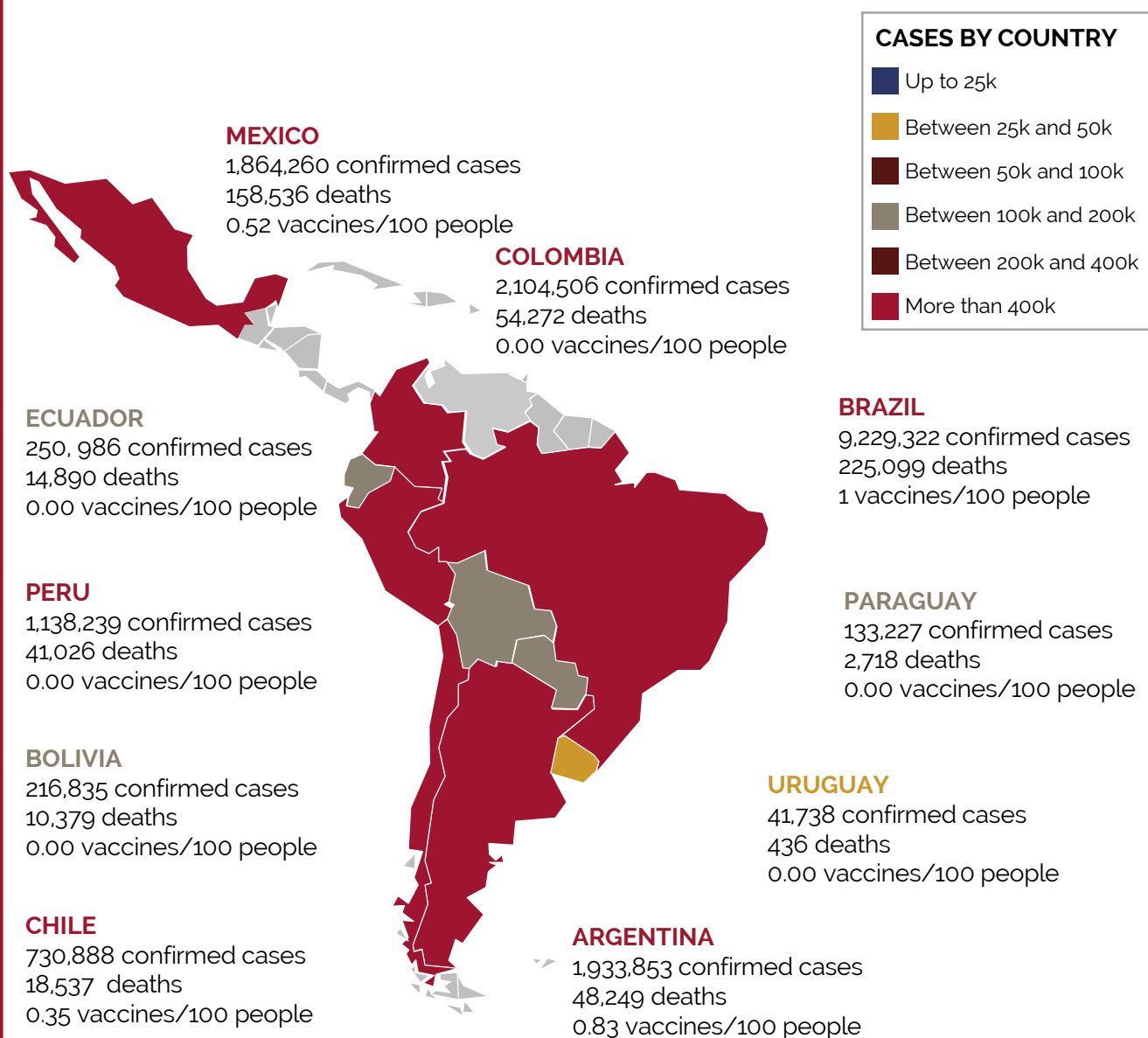


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# COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

JANUARY 25-FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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

| COUNTRY          | CASES     |         |                          | DEATHS  |      |                          | TESTS<br>X -MILION |
|------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                  | TOTAL     | NEW     | W-O-W<br>INCREASE<br>(%) | TOTAL   | NEW  | W-O-W<br>INCREASE<br>(%) |                    |
| <b>ARGENTINA</b> | 1.933.853 | 59.052  | -21,8%                   | 48.249  | 1215 | -25%                     | 137.034            |
| <b>BOLIVIA</b>   | 216.835   | 15.798  | 14,0%                    | 10.379  | 394  | 13%                      | 47.838             |
| <b>BRAZIL</b>    | 9.229.322 | 379.187 | 12,1%                    | 225.099 | 7966 | 17%                      | 133.993            |
| <b>CHILE</b>     | 730.888   | 27.710  | -5,8%                    | 18.537  | 538  | 19%                      | 420.972            |
| <b>COLOMBIA</b>  | 2.104.506 | 76.760  | -35,7%                   | 54.272  | 2525 | -19%                     | 198.227            |
| <b>ECUADOR</b>   | 250.986   | 9.419   | -5,1%                    | 14.890  | 251  | -21%                     | 49.775             |
| <b>MEXICO</b>    | 1.864.260 | 101.041 | -17,0%                   | 158.536 | 8922 | 0%                       | 36.234             |
| <b>PARAGUAY</b>  | 133.227   | 5.575   | 1,5%                     | 2.718   | 101  | -10%                     | 90.843             |
| <b>PERU</b>      | 1.138.239 | 39.226  | 15,0%                    | 41.026  | 1249 | 38%                      | 190.545            |
| <b>URUGUAY</b>   | 41.738    | 4.105   | -21,9%                   | 436     | 60   | -8%                      | 243.630            |

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 1/2/2021 | 16:00 EST). Prospectiva



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## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Argentina:** According to local press, as the Russian Investment Fund confirmed delays in the delivery of Sputnik V, the start of mass vaccination will be postponed.

**Bolivia:** Vaccine rollout began after the arrival of 20,000 Sputnik V doses.

**Brazil:** Vaccination program plagued by production and import problems.

**Colombia:** Government announced February 20 as the starting date for vaccination.

**Chile:** President Piñera announced massive vaccine rollout date for senior citizens.

**Ecuador:** Minister of Health faces backlash for peddling vaccination for family members.

**Mexico:** First Sputnik V batch to arrive in the upcoming weeks.

**Paraguay:** According to PAHO, the country is ready to begin massive vaccination.

**Peru:** State of Emergency extended amid news of vaccination campaign start date.

**Uruguay:** Logistical chain ready for vaccination campaign, according to President' office.

# ARGENTINA

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1,933,853   | 48,249       | 1,729,999 | 1,062              | 0.83                |

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|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Government Measures</b> | <b>Health</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January closed with <a href="#">the highest monthly number</a> of COVID-19 cases recorded since October.</li> <li>As of February, the COVID-19 report will become <a href="#">a weekly one</a>, local press reported.</li> <li>During an official visit to Chile, the Argentine Minister of Health signed a <a href="#">health cooperation agreement</a> with his Chilean counterpart.</li> </ul>                            |
|                            | <b>Vaccine Rollout</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">will negotiate</a> with Russia to produce Sputnik V in Argentina.</li> <li>The Russian Investment Fund confirmed <a href="#">delays</a> in the delivery of Sputnik V, which will postpone the start of mass vaccination in Argentina.</li> <li>Arrival of 220 thousand doses of the <a href="#">third batch</a> of Sputnik V vaccines. The number was lower than <a href="#">expected</a>.</li> </ul> |
|                            | <b>Political</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The appointment of Eduardo Zuain as Argentine ambassador to <a href="#">Russia</a> was made official through decree 51/2021.</li> </ul>  |
|                            | <b>Economic</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Argentina pays the <a href="#">IMF</a> USD \$ 315 million in interest. Such payment is being made in the context of the ongoing negotiations to reschedule Argentina's debt with the IMF.</li> <li>New increase in <a href="#">fuel prices</a>: 1% in gasoline and 1.9% in diesel fuels.</li> </ul>  |
|                            | <b>Country Opening</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government <a href="#">extended</a> the border closure until February 28th and non-resident foreigners will not be allowed to enter the country.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Outlook</b>             | <b>Political</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opposition <a href="#">met</a> to outline the next legislative elections.</li> <li>The Federal Justice requests reports from the government of the province of <a href="#">Formosa</a> following allegations of human rights violations in the isolation centers created to contain the pandemic.</li> </ul>   |

## BOLIVIA

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 216,835     | 10,379       | 159,222   | 882                | 0                   |

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| Government Measures | Health          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinese government <a href="#">donates</a> more than 14 respirators and around 53,000 <i>PCR</i> tests to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>While health authorities <a href="#">demand</a> for stricter mobility restrictions, local government claims that it would be extremely difficult to enact another curfew in Santa Cruz.</li> <li>Minister Auza <a href="#">explained</a> the three pillars of the National COVID-19 Strategic Plan.</li> <li>Stricter measures will be taken for those who inappropriately sell medicines online, <i>Agemed</i> director <a href="#">stated</a>.</li> </ul> |
|                     | Vaccine Rollout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Santa Cruz will employ the online registration for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, local press <a href="#">announced</a>. This new application will help speed-up the process.</li> <li>More than 20,000 <i>Sputnik V</i> vaccines <a href="#">arrived</a> in the country. The government already started vaccine rollout amongst healthcare workers and high-risk population.</li> <li>PAHO <a href="#">congratulated</a> the government for the management it has carried out with vaccines and COVID-19 tests.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than USD \$100 million on credit packages to be granted for national companies, government <a href="#">announced</a>.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | Social          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual classes to restart in the first week of February, local press <a href="#">announced</a>.</li> <li><i>Bono del Hambre</i> program <a href="#">reactivated</a> national demand and boost economic growth, according to the Minister of Economy.</li> </ul>  |
| Outlook             | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) <a href="#">announced</a> new measures and guidelines to carry out local elections amid the pandemic scenario.</li> <li>While the TSE already decided on how local elections will take place, some discussions remain <a href="#">active</a> regarding the postponement of local elections.</li> <li>Former President Evo Morales tested <a href="#">negative</a> after weeks of preventive isolation.</li> <li>The TSE <a href="#">reports</a> that more than 7.1 million people will be able to vote in the March 7 local elections.</li> </ul>                      |

## BRAZIL

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 9,229,322   | 225,099      | 8,027,042 | 1,055              | 1                   |

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| Government Measures | Vaccine Rollout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Court <a href="#">approved</a> an investigation into Minister of Health Eduardo Pazuello after the collapse of the health system in Manaus.</li> <li>President Bolsonaro <a href="#">thanked</a> the Chinese government last week for expediting the export of necessary ingredients for Brazil's production of COVID-19 vaccines, following production delays.</li> <li>AstraZeneca <a href="#">applied</a> for full regulatory approval for their vaccine, which will be produced locally by the Fiocruz Institute.</li> <li>Local production issues, failure to sign agreements with other vaccine companies, and logistical issues <a href="#">continue</a> to limit Brazil's vaccine rollout.</li> </ul> |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The release of Copom minutes <a href="#">revealed</a> that interest rates could rise in the coming months, with a 0.5 p.p. increase expected in March.</li> </ul>   |
| Outlook             | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <a href="#">elections</a> of the new Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate will take place on Monday (Feb. 1) night.</li> <li>Rhetoric around Bolsonaro's impeachment will <a href="#">continue</a> as the House and Senate seek to force the Executive to negotiate, even as impeachment proceedings remain unlikely.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Joint Budget Committee will be <a href="#">put</a> in place after the House and Senate elections, working on an expedited timeline to present a budget before April.</li> <li>Economy Minister Paulo Guedes <a href="#">believes</a> that the new leadership in Congress will be key to approving his liberal reforms.</li> </ul>   |

## CHILE

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 730,888     | 18,537       | 686,374   | 965                | 0.35                |

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| Government Measures | Health          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Despite the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines, Chile records its highest occupancy ICU's beds since the start of the pandemic, local press <a href="#">announced</a>.</li> <li>President Piñera <a href="#">announced</a> the beginning of the payment of <i>IFE Covid</i> and <i>Bono Covid</i> to help the most vulnerable families affected by the pandemic crisis.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | Vaccine Rollout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of Interior, Rodrigo Delgado <a href="#">discussed</a> with local governments how the COVID-19 <i>Sinovac</i> vaccine distribution will take place.</li> <li>The Public Health Institution <a href="#">approved</a> the emergency use of AstraZeneca vaccine.</li> <li>New <i>Sinovac</i> vaccine batch of 2 million doses <a href="#">arrived</a> at the country.</li> <li>Government <a href="#">announced</a> massive vaccination plan after the arrival of the <i>Sinovac</i> vaccine.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Piñera <a href="#">enacted</a> special law that expands fiscal benefits for small and medium companies.</li> <li>Former Minister Ignacio Briones, <a href="#">signed</a> an agreement to eliminate double taxation and prevent evasion between Chile and Netherlands.</li> <li>Ignacio Briones <a href="#">steps aside</a> from the Ministry of Finance to start an eventual presidential campaign.</li> </ul>   |
| Outlook             | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Piñera <a href="#">received</a> President Fernandez in a two-day visit to Santiago de Chile. Among the actions taken, important cooperation agreements were signed.</li> <li>President Piñera <a href="#">announced</a> the roadmap for his last year of government.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experts <a href="#">highlighted</a> the main challenges the newly appointed Finance Minister will face in Chile.</li> <li>Minister Rodrigo Cerda <a href="#">met</a> for the first time with Central Bank president Mario Marcel, to discuss the economic and fiscal situation the country is crossing.</li> <li>According to the latest economic figures, unemployment <a href="#">rose</a> 10,3% during the trimester October-December.</li> <li>The Mining Production Index (IPMin) <a href="#">accumulated</a> an increase of 0.5% in 2020 helping the economic recovery.</li> </ul> |

# COLOMBIA

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2,104,506   | 54,272       | 1,954,674 | 1,060              | 0                   |

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| Government Measures | Health          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colombia <a href="#">exceeded</a> the barrier of 49,000 deaths from COVID-19, but a slight improvement has been reported in some major cities.</li> <li>Amid controversy around the use of chlorine dioxide INVIMA stated the product has no scientific evidence about its efficacy against COVID-19.</li> <li>INVIMA <a href="#">approved</a> German CureVac AG vaccine trial in the country.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Vaccine Rollout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 190 IPS representatives were <a href="#">trained</a> on the National Vaccination Plan.</li> <li>The Economist <a href="#">affirmed</a> that Colombia will only be vaccinating massively by the end of 2022.</li> <li>Ministry of Health <a href="#">published</a> the guidelines on how COVID-19 vaccines are going to be delivered.</li> <li>Vaccine rollout official schedule was <a href="#">discussed</a> by health authorities.</li> <li>Bogotá will <a href="#">receive</a> only 300,000 doses of the first vaccine batch</li> </ul> |
|                     | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">cancelled</a> commercial flights to and from Leticia after new variant was discovered.</li> </ul>   |
| Outlook             | Social          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bloomberg <a href="#">classified</a> Colombia amongst the countries with the worst performance amid the pandemic crisis.</li> <li>Health associations question measures <a href="#">taken</a> by local governments to control the COVID-19 expansion.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to a recent <a href="#">poll</a>, the pandemic has increased disapproval of mayors in the main cities of the country.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine and lockdown measures <a href="#">caused</a> historical closure of companies in Bogota.</li> <li>The government <a href="#">announced</a> fiscal additions to the 2021 budget to address the pandemic.</li> </ul>   |

# ECUADOR

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 250,986     | 14,890       | 209,814   | 837                | 0.02                |

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| Government Measures | Health          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DIGEMID <a href="#">approves</a> COVID-19 diagnostic test made in Peru.</li> <li>The National Electoral Council of Ecuador announced that the Ministry of Health <a href="#">will carry out</a> COVID-19 tests to voting centers workers.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | Vaccine Rollout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The COVID-19 Vaccination Transparency Committee <a href="#">presented</a> a list of requests to the National Government in order to better fulfill its task.</li> <li>Police <a href="#">intervened</a> a clandestine clinic that applied 70,000 fake COVID-19 vaccines.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Moreno <a href="#">met</a> with IDB board members to negotiate a loan for COVID-19 vaccines.</li> <li>President Moreno <a href="#">met</a> with the IMF Director.</li> </ul>   |
| Outlook             | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Court of Justice <a href="#">sentenced</a> former Vice President and two former ministers of the Rafael Correa administration to prison.</li> <li>The Prosecutor's Office <a href="#">opened</a> a preliminary investigation against the Minister of Health, Juan Carlos Zevallos after complaints of influence peddling in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.</li> </ul> |



## MEXICO

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1,864,260   | 158,536      | 1,412,393 | 1,222              | 0.52                |

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| Government Measures | Health          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local press announced that UNOPS will <a href="#">gather</a> with the national pharma sector and health associations in the upcoming days.</li> <li><a href="#">Concerns</a> rose over the possibility of a new drug shortage amid the pandemic in the country.</li> <li>The report “<i>Reflexiones sobre la respuesta de Mexico ante la pandemia COVID-19</i>” was <a href="#">published</a> with the participation of PAHO, CELAC and academic associations. The report entails the main risks and challenges the country has faced during the sanitary crisis.</li> </ul> |
|                     | Vaccine Rollout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mexico <a href="#">expects</a> a first 200,000 Sputnik doses batch in the upcoming weeks. This declaration takes place after the agreement of more than 23 million doses agreed between President AMLO and Vladimir Putin.</li> </ul>  |
| Outlook             | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign direct investment (FDI) flows to Mexico fell 8% during 2020, UNCTAD <a href="#">reported</a>.</li> <li>The International Monetary Fund (IMF) <a href="#">improved</a> the forecast for Mexico's economy in 2021. The organization increased projections from 3,5% to 4.3%.</li> <li>Mexico's GDP <a href="#">falls</a> 8.5% in 2020 after the pandemic shock. This downward trend hasn't happened since 2002.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different political parties including PRI, PAN, PRD and civil society organizations <a href="#">published</a> a joint report identifying 10 measures to be taken amid the pandemic.</li> </ul>   |

# PARAGUAY

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 133,227     | 2,718        | 108,426   | 378                | 0                   |

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| Government Measures | Health          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 <a href="#">seroprevalence study</a> continues to be carried out in Central.</li> <li>Ministry of Health signs cooperation agreement to <a href="#">improve</a> epidemiological surveillance.</li> <li>Notifications over possible <a href="#">Dengue</a> cases trigger alarms.</li> </ul>               |
|                     | Vaccine Rollout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAHO's country representative comments that Paraguay <a href="#">is ready</a> to begin its vaccination rollout against COVID-19.</li> <li>300,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines <a href="#">secured</a> through COVAX mechanism, according to the Minister of Health.</li> </ul>                                     |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BNF has <a href="#">disbursed</a> over USD 160 million in loans during the pandemic.</li> <li>USD 140 million in superficial expenditure <a href="#">cut</a> from the 2021 General Budget.</li> <li>Minister of Finance <a href="#">calls</a> to focalize recipients for possible aid in border towns.</li> </ul> |
|                     | Social          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Census and Poverty Index measurement will be <a href="#">carried out</a> to design State policies.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">authorizes</a> gradual re-opening of six parks.</li> <li>Government <a href="#">extends</a> lockdown and quarantine measures until February 21st.</li> <li>Protocol for resuming face-to-face schooling is <a href="#">safe</a> according to Deputy Minister of Education.</li> </ul>      |
| Outlook             | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European Union <a href="#">disburses</a> financial support towards social security regime.</li> <li>IDB highlights responsible <a href="#">fiscal management</a> in Paraguay.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventive arrest order <a href="#">against</a> opposition leader and former presidential candidate, Efraín Alegre.</li> <li>Negotiations over Itaipu's Annex C agreement <a href="#">underway</a>.</li> <li><a href="#">System</a> to alert irregularities in public procurement designed.</li> </ul>            |
|                     | Social          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 patients <a href="#">outline</a> of out-of-pocket expenditures due to shortages.</li> </ul>  |

## PERU

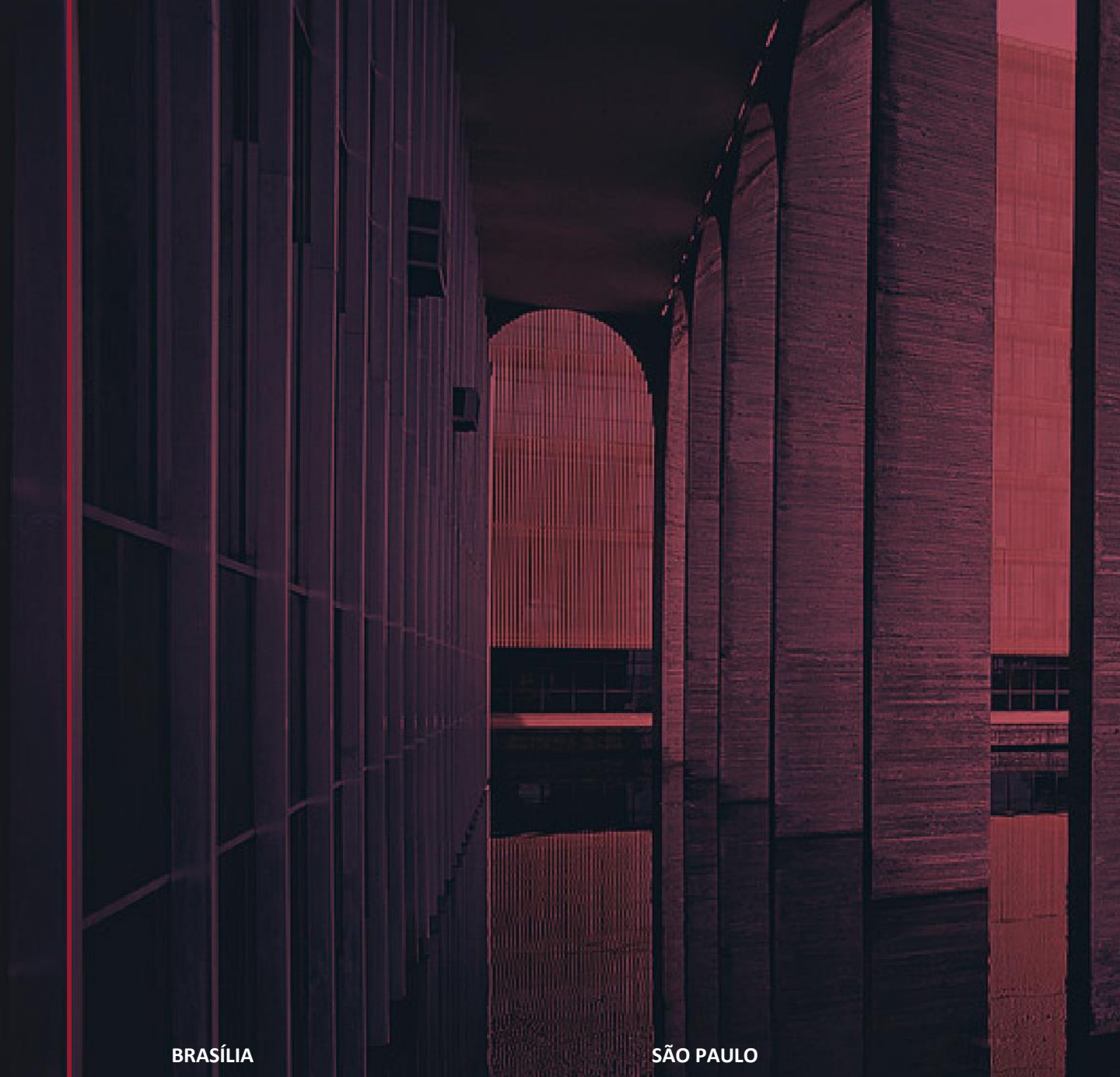
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|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1,138,239   | 41,026       | 1,052,050 | 1,234              | 0                   |

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|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Government Measures</b> | <b>Health</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Hospital beds</a> to be habilitated upon second wave of COVID-19.</li> <li>• Health Minister <a href="#">stated</a> that use of ivermectin is up to doctor and patients' criteria.</li> <li>• Peru's health regulator <a href="#">authorized</a> the import and emergency use of Sinopharm's COVID-19 vaccine.</li> <li>• Pharmaceutical CureVac began the third phase of the <a href="#">clinical trials</a> for its coronavirus vaccine in the country.</li> </ul> |
|                            | <b>Vaccine Rollout</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccination plan to <a href="#">start</a> in February according to President Sagasti.</li> <li>• Peru was selected among the first group of countries to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine from the <a href="#">COVAX Initiative</a>.</li> </ul>  |
|                            | <b>Economic</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government <a href="#">announces</a> cash transfers and support to companies for new quarantine after second wave of COVID-19.</li> </ul>  |
|                            | <b>Country opening</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government <a href="#">extends</a> the state of national emergency until February 28.</li> <li>• The government will enable <a href="#">detention centers</a> for those who do not comply with curfews.</li> <li>• The government mobilized <a href="#">troops</a> to the border with Ecuador to stop undocumented migrants from advancing.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Outlook</b>             | <b>Social</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health workers have <a href="#">demanded</a> for stricter measures.</li> </ul>   |
|                            | <b>Political</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanitary protocol for the electoral campaigns <a href="#">to be published</a> soon.</li> </ul>   |

# URUGUAY

| TOTAL CASES | TOTAL DEATHS | RECOVERED | DEATHS PER MILLION | VACCINATION PER 100 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 41,738      | 436          | 34,683    | 125                | 0                   |

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| Government Measures | Health          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active COVID 19 cases on decline. According to local press, this is evidence of a <a href="#">slowdown</a>.</li> <li>ASSE <a href="#">added</a> 6 intensive therapy beds in Salto and 5 in Paysandú.</li> <li>Due to decrease in cases, Montevideo <a href="#">moves out</a> of the red zone after almost 40 days, according to Harvard index.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Vaccine Rollout | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uruguay negotiated directly for Sinovac vaccines, according to the <a href="#">director</a> of the Butantan Institute of Brazil.</li> <li>The government is preparing a vaccination <a href="#">campaign</a> to convince the skeptics, remarked the local press.</li> <li><a href="#">Logistics chain</a> prepared for vaccination campaign; presidency's portal remarked.</li> <li>After Sinovac's announcement, FA calls for more <a href="#">transparency</a> from government.</li> </ul> |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Transportation presented Works on Routes 10 and 104 for more than <a href="#">USD \$ 4 million</a>.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government <a href="#">raised the limit</a> for food labeling values.</li> <li>Lacalle Pou will meet with <a href="#">Bolsonaro</a> in Brasilia. The intention is to advance bilateral relations, the Foreign Minister stated.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Country Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government decided to return to <a href="#">"partial"</a> border closures. Uruguayan citizens and foreign residents, among others, will be able to enter.</li> <li>The president of the Central Board of Directors (Codicen) announced that the objective is full and effective <a href="#">on-site attendance</a> for public education in 2021. Classes are scheduled to begin on March 1st.</li> </ul>   |
| Outlook             | Political       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Rural Association of Uruguay (ARU) <a href="#">questioned</a> the Forestry Law, which is being analyzed in Parliament.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Economic        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IDB <a href="#">disbursed</a> USD \$ 65 million for a program in Uruguay that supports the most vulnerable population. It is the first stage of a loan for US\$ 125 million.</li> </ul>  |



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