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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

2,445,351 confirmed cases
230,185 deaths
29.1 vaccines/100 people

COLOMBIA

3,777,600 confirmed cases
96,366 deaths
25.6 vaccines/100 people

ECUADOR

439,374 confirmed cases
21,061 deaths
15.80 vaccines/100 people

BRAZIL

17,454,861 confirmed cases
488,404 deaths
37.12 vaccines/100 people

PERU

2,004,252 confirmed cases
188,921 deaths
16.34 vaccines/100 people

BOLIVIA

409,106 confirmed cases
15,614 deaths
17.73 vaccines/100 people

PARAGUAY

393,482 confirmed cases
10,954 deaths
5.89 vaccines/100 people

CHILE

1,487,239 confirmed cases
30,685 deaths
106.94 vaccines/100 people

URUGUAY

340,818 confirmed cases
5,036 deaths
95.12 vaccines/100 people

ARGENTINA

4,145,482 confirmed cases
86,029 deaths
36.25 vaccines/100 people

CASES BY COUNTRY

- Between 100K and 500K
- Between 1M and 5M
- Between 500k and 1M
- More than 5M

COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

JUNE 8 - 15, 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 (%)	
ARGENTINA	4,145,482	167,848	-14.3%	86,029	4,083	6%	335,354
BOLIVIA	409,106	19,112	-11.2%	15,614	532	-13%	139,208
BRAZIL	17,454,861	469,049	6.5%	488,404	13,790	17%	237,392
CHILE	1,487,239	46,822	-16.5%	30,685	581	-28%	834,414
COLOMBIA	3,777,600	184,584	-1.1%	96,366	3,870	4%	355,114
ECUADOR	439,374	6,635	-1.0%	21,061	247	2%	82,283
MEXICO	2,445,351	10,789	-50.4%	230,185	1,347	-75%	55,546
PARAGUAY	393,482	17,486	-25.0%	10,954	949	3%	196,338
PERU	2,004,252	19,253	-34.8%	188,921	2,164	-98%	403,231
URUGUAY	340,818	22,035	-19.3%	5,036	344	-28%	733,675

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 15/06/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: While the vaccination campaign gains pace, the government launches new tools to reduce inflation.

Bolivia: ECLAC donated over 150,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses

Brazil: São Paulo's vaccine schedule highlights differentials in vaccination rates among large urban states and rural states.

Colombia: The economic reactivation plan began to take place in some capital cities amid concerns from health authorities.

Chile: Sanitary alert extended until September amid a new COVID-19 outbreak.

Ecuador: The country secured financing for USD 550 million to cover the vaccination plan

Mexico: BIRMEX announced that Mexico could soon package the Sputnik V vaccine.

Paraguay: Government to monitor prices of basic food basket.

Peru: Vaccination campaign against COVID-19 for pregnant women began.

Uruguay: While the country displays one of the fastest vaccination campaigns in Latin America, admissions to intensive care units decreased during the last few days.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,145,482	86,029	3,748,794	1,887	36.25

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the restructuring of the Health Ministry carried out during the previous months, the new cabinet members were sworn in by the Health Minister. Both the Buenos Aires Province and Cordoba Province announced the signing of agreements to purchase CONVIDECIA vaccines from Cansino.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almost 30% of the population received the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, Health Ministry reported. Argentina ranks above the world and regional average in vaccine application. In Latin America, the country is behind Chile, Uruguay, Guyana and Brazil, local press reported. Health Ministry approved the emergency use of the Chinese vaccine CONVIDECIA from the Cansino laboratory.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aiming to control inflation, Government launched a food basket including 70 products with frozen prices until the end of the year. Prices will be on product labels.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictions were relaxed in the metropolitan area of Buenos Aires. Longer hours of circulation allowed. In addition, restaurants reopen until 11:00 p.m. In the province of BA, on-site school returns.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Fernandez received Spain's Head of State Pedro Sanchez. During their meeting, they led the signing of bilateral agreements between the two countries. Law on gender equity in the media was approved. VP Cristina Fernandez again called for a restructuring of the health system.

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
409,106	15,614	324,028	1,321	17.73

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A shipment of drugs to be used against COVID-19 <u>arrived</u> after a massive purchase was made by the government. Conversations to <u>allow</u> local authorities to purchase COVID-19 vaccines moves forward.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government <u>celebrated</u> ECLAC's vaccine distribution throughout the region. Bolivia will receive around 150,000 AstraZeneca doses in the upcoming weeks.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Arce <u>announced</u> an increase of public resources throughout the economic reactivation phase. Government <u>informed</u> the reactivation of more than 800 public works that were suspended during Jeanine Añez's administration. State-owned YPFB <u>agreed</u> with Russia's GAZPROM developing a joint roadmap to boost investment initiatives in Bolivia.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While Bolivia surpassed the 400,000 cases, local authorities refuses to enforce strict lockdowns, local press <u>stated</u>.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Luis Arce <u>congratulated</u> Peru's Pedro Castillo after an apparent victory in the latest presidential polls.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the government, as of May 31st more than USD \$30 million were <u>collected</u> from the new Large Fortune Tax enacted at the end of last year. The World Bank <u>positioned</u> Bolivia among the top 10 economies with the best growth projections in the region. The country is expected to grow 4.7% by 2021.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
17,454,861	488,404	15,854,264	2,282	37.12

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health is launching a blood donation campaign after the country's blood supply diminished by 10% over the course of the pandemic. The Supreme Court suspended breaches of confidentiality for two civil servants at the Ministry of Health facing questions from the Pandemic CPI. President Bolsonaro asked the Ministry of Health to release an opinion on the use of masks by those vaccinated against COVID-19.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> São Paulo's vaccine schedule plans to offer doses to all adults by mid-September, highlighting differentials in vaccination rates among large urban states and rural states. 3 million Janssen vaccines sent to Brazil were delayed due to manufacturing issues at US plants. Brazil will not be among the countries prioritized by COVAX for receipt of the G7 vaccine donations announced over the weekend.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy shortages due to drought reducing hydrological power generation is dominating the attention of the Executive branch. Outside of the Administrative and Tax Reforms, constitutional changes are going to be increasingly difficult throughout 2021, with legislative focus turning to taxation and energy agendas.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above-expected inflation rates will likely lead the Central Bank to once again raise the SELIC interest rate at a meeting on Wednesday (16th). Increasing growth projections from the IBGE and FOCUS reports signal more economic flexibility for the government.

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,482,239	30,685	1,413,414	1,602	106.94

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health confirmed the extension until September of the sanitary alert amid a new COVID-19 outbreak.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From June 21 those under 19 years of age will begin to be vaccinated, government announced. The Public Health Institute (ISP) approved the emergency use of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine through the COVAX-facility mechanism. Ministry of Labor to work jointly with the private sector amid the vaccination campaign.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Piñera enacted a law to support SMEs around the country. The Ministry of Economy launches a new program to help boost entrepreneurship initiatives. First thermosolar plant in Latin America was inaugurated by the Ministry of Energy in the Atacama Desert. Government will issue new debt for USD \$13 billion. Ministry of Public Works activates a historic bidding plan for the remainder of 2021.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A strict quarantine was announced in the Metropolitan Region after cases surge in the last weeks. The Colegio Medico (COLMED) will present the government a new proposal for mobility restrictions.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second-round elections for regional governors took place on June 13. While it's the first time governors are elected by popular vote, a low voter turnout was reported by local authorities. More than 10 out of 16 regions, including the capital Santiago, were taken by nontraditional political forces. Meanwhile, rightist candidates only obtained one victory in the Araucanian region, leaving President Piñera in an unstable position for the remainder of his term.

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
3,777,600	96,366	3,510,709	1,875	25.6

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health delivers epidemiological update on COVID-19.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancer patients and patients with tuberculosis included in the prioritized COVID-19 vaccination plan. Citizens who received first dose of COVID-19 vaccines abroad to receive second dose in Colombia. First shipment of 480,000 doses from Jannssen doses expected to arrive this week.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government to access a loan of up to 200 million euros to finance the 2021 budget after receiving a favorable concept from the German Development Bank. The Trade Union Council announced the creation of an economic reactivation committee to boost private sector recovery. The Minister of Finance, Jose Manuel Restrepo, clarified that the new tax reform will be presented before Congress in July, with the start of the new legislature.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic reactivation process began in cities such as Barranquilla, Bogotá, and Medellín amid concerns from local health associations. Teacher guild announces it will resume classes.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From March 2020 to the first quarter of 2021, Colombia's foreign debt increased by USD \$13 billion, according to Banco de la República. The total debt as of March of this year was equivalent to 50% of the country's GDP. According to a survey carried out by the ANDI, 84% of the companies have been affected by road blockades, after six weeks of national strike. Fedesarrollo's Consumer Index poll recorded a 0,1 downturn when compared to the previous month.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Duque appointed Juan Camilo Restrepo as Colombia's new peace commissioner. Enrique Peñalosa, former Bogotá mayor, announced his candidacy for president last week.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National strike committee decided to walk out from the negotiation table amid tensions with the government.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
439,374	21,061	398,645	1,177	15.00

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new government repealed Executive Decree 1307 which merged the Quality Assurance Agencies for Prepaid Health Services and Medicine (ACCESS) and the National Regulatory Agency, Sanitary Control and Surveillance (ARCSA). Audits of Good Pharmacovigilance Practices in pharmaceutical and health establishments in Quito have been executed by ARCSA. Health centers register shortage of vaccines for children.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Lasso announced the acquisition of six million single-dose COVID-19 vaccines from CanSino Biologics. The Vice-President announced that they are considering vaccinating adolescents between the ages of 12 and 16. The Ecuadorian Business Committee hopes to raise a minimum of USD 45 million for the acceleration of vaccination at the national level. The vaccination process for migrants is scheduled to begin in August. The country secured financing for USD 550 million to cover the vaccination plan. The Government reported that vaccination of the Waorani population in the Amazon will begin soon. The Ministry of Health announced that three new groups will be included in the vaccination program: pregnant women, nursing mothers and children from 3 years.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission for the Right to Health and Sports of the National Assembly approved the General Work Plan for 2021. President Lasso continued with the appointment of authorities of the Executive Branch.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Lasso pledged with UN Women to promote a series of public policies to eradicate gender violence. Protests began due to increases in fuel costs made during last year.

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,445,351	230,185	1,956,576	1,768	29.1

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health Secretariat announced that the daily press conferences with the report on COVID-19 will come to an end, given the "stability" of the pandemic. The first suspected black fungus patient in Mexico died due to complications from the disease. Re-conversion of COVID-19 hospitals to other specialties in began in different states. The Ministries of Health from Mexico and the United Kingdom reviewed progress in areas of bilateral cooperation.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIRMEX announced that Mexico could soon package the Sputnik V vaccine. The government opened the registry for people over 18 years of age to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in municipalities bordering the U.S. The Committee for New Molecules is evaluating Pfizer's proposal to apply the COVID-19 vaccine to children from 12 years old. The Health Secretariat is developing a strategy that allows the population with a disability to be vaccinated.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMSS nurseries reopened nationwide under strict COVID-19 protocols. Several states have registered infected minors with COVID-19 after the reopening of schools, while seven states are in alert due to increase of active cases.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO and vice-president from the U.S., Kamala Harris, held a meeting. Presidents from Argentina, Paraguay and Belize thanked AMLO for sending AstraZeneca vaccines produced in Mexico.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current Secretary of Finance will be proposed by AMLO as the new governor of Banco de Mexico. The government signed the contracts for the construction of the Mayan Train wagons.

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
393,482	10,954	327,670	1,518	5.89

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health reduces weekly workload to 12 hours for health workers. DINAVISA activated an epidemiological alert due to the sustained increase in the circulation of the respiratory syncytial virus.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New vaccination center established in shopping center. Government receives 150,000 doses of AstraZenca's COVID-19 vaccine donated by Mexico's government. Working hours in vaccine centers to be increased. Vaccination for citizens over 55+ years of age kickstarted.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remuneration for public transport to be discussed again in September 2021. The announcement lifted a strike scheduled for this week. Ministry of Finance disburses subsidies for workers in border towns. Ministry of Industry establishes that each store needs to define pricing for single-use plastic bags. Consumer Defense Secretariat monitoring prices of basic food basket.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abdo vetoes controversial bill on loss of investiture for legislators. Agriculture Ministers of Paraguay and Chile hold joint meeting to promote initiatives on Family Agriculture.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Bank poll places expectation on inflation at 3,2%. Consumer Trust Index reaches 44,3% in May, showing slight increase when compared to the previous month. Online shopping gains ground within Paraguay's consumers according to Electronic Commerce Chamber.

PERU

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,004,252	188,921	N/A	5,655	16.34

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First case of Indian variant of coronavirus detected in Peru. The Ministry of Health presented a technical norm for the epidemiological surveillance of extreme maternal morbidity. The Peruvian Medical Federation made a request to the Ministry of Health to apply a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to doctors with comorbidities, who must now return to hospitals.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women over 18 years of age and with 28 weeks of gestation began. According to the Ministry of Health, the immunization campaign of those who are 58 and 59 years old would begin in a couple of weeks. The Ministry of Health began the creation of the oncological registry that will allow COVID-19 vaccination for people who suffer from cancer. The Government has committed to maintaining and even exceeding the rate of vaccination against COVID-19 (100,000 doses per day).
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The leftist candidate Pedro Castillo maintains advantage in the presidential election ballot count.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic spokesman for elected president Castillo reported that they will maintain a market economy.

URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
340,818	5,036	303,880	1,445	95.12

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Lacalle Pou stated the Government would close the link with the group of scientists (GACH) that advised him during the pandemic, local press reported.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to local press, the vaccination campaign in Uruguay is the fastest in Latin America. The country slightly surpassed Chile this week. According to President Lacalle Pou, the country will reach two million people fully vaccinated (two doses) by mid-July. Pregnant women can be vaccinated in clinics with no appointment as of this week.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government sent a bill to Congress promoting employment for vulnerable population.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government extended the closing of shows and parties for a week, local press reported. After agreement between Presidency and Municipality of Montevideo, Sanctions will increase for non-compliance with sanitary protocols in stores, local press reported.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Rights Institution questioned the draft of the new Media Law promoted by the government. One month before the deadline, the pro-referendum commission has collected more than 500,000 of the 700,000 signatures it needs to call a referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law.



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