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# COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

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

### MEXICO

2,348,873 confirmed cases  
217,233 deaths  
14.21 vaccines/100 people

### COLOMBIA

2,905,254 confirmed cases  
75,164 deaths  
10.05 vaccines/100 people

### ECUADOR

388,046 confirmed cases  
18,765 deaths  
5.86 vaccines/100 people

### BRAZIL

14,779,529 confirmed cases  
408,622 deaths  
20.31 vaccines/100 people

### PERU

1,810,998 confirmed cases  
62,126 deaths  
5.04 vaccines/100 people

### PARAGUAY

282,543 confirmed cases  
6,572 deaths  
1.46 vaccines/100 people

### BOLIVIA

307,561 confirmed cases  
13,021 deaths  
7.27 vaccines/100 people

### URUGUAY

202,492 confirmed cases  
2,724 deaths  
52.81 vaccines/100 people

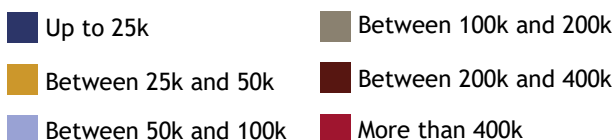
### CHILE

1,215,815 confirmed cases  
26,659 deaths  
77.67 vaccines/100 people

### ARGENTINA

3,021,179 confirmed cases  
64,792 deaths  
17.7 vaccines/100 people

### CASES BY COUNTRY



# COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

APRIL 26 – MAY 3, 2021

## 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
<b>ARGENTINA</b>	3,021,179	160,295	-3.9%	64,792	3,148	30%	248,779
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	307,561	9,902	15.2%	13,021	197	12%	100,359
<b>BRAZIL</b>	14,779,529	410,106	-3.8%	408,622	16,686	-10%	217,188
<b>CHILE</b>	1,215,815	40,201	-21.0%	26,659	684	-14%	687,865
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	2,905,254	117,951	-12.2%	75,164	3,365	-3%	292,200
<b>ECUADOR</b>	388,046	13,271	-6.7%	18,765	465	-22%	72,592
<b>MEXICO</b>	2,348,873	20,482	-10.1%	217,233	2,286	-12%	51,166
<b>PARAGUAY</b>	282,543	15,461	-8.6%	6,572	672	14%	153,917
<b>PERU</b>	1,810,998	49,423	-13.0%	62,126	2,402	-4%	337,883
<b>URUGUAY</b>	202,492	17,627	-12.4%	2,724	398	-5%	522,662

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 3/05/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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## COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Argentina:** While President renewed restrictive measures, an internal conflict arose within the government over tariff unfreezing.

**Bolivia:** Brazil variant expands in some cities of the country as more vaccine doses are expected to arrive.

**Brazil:** COVID-19 CPI begins working in the Senate.

**Colombia:** Thousands of people took the streets amid critical COVID-19 momentum.

**Chile:** Government announced new vaccine contract with Chinese Sinovac.

**Ecuador:** Laboratories with contracts to provide COVID-19 vaccines were invited to participate in government transition meetings.

**Mexico:** In mid-June Mexico will begin packaging the Russian Sputnik V vaccine.

**Paraguay:** Modifications to procurement law submitted.

**Peru:** President Sagasti urged older to adults get vaccinated against COVID-19 due to a significant percentage of reluctance to do so.

**Uruguay:** With new leadership at the Social Development Ministry, Uruguay closes April as the worst month of the pandemic so far.

# ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
3,021,179	64,792	2,698,072	1,423	17.7

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government officials met with oxygen producers to guarantee <u>supply</u>. A few days later, the oxygen price was <u>frozen</u>.</li> <li>A total of 250 new ventilators <u>were received</u> by the Health Ministry. They will begin to be distributed in different jurisdictions throughout the country.</li> <li>Health Minister formally <u>began</u> talks with Chinese and Israeli authorities for local production of COVID-19 vaccines. They also proposed to the British ambassador to produce the <u>complete AZ vaccine</u>.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <u>exceeded</u> 11 million vaccines received. However, so far, almost 8 million were <u>applied</u>. Buenos Aires city and San Luis are the provinces with the highest number of vaccinated people with respect to the total population (26% and 23%, respectively).</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An expansion of social assistance measures was announced to address the new COVID19 restrictions, local press <u>reported</u>.</li> </ul>
	<b>Country Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Alberto Fernandez <u>renewed</u> the restrictive measures until May 21st.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After the accidental death of the Transport Minister, Alexis Guerrero was <u>appointed</u>.</li> <li>Government's internal conflict <u>arises</u> due to tariff unfreezing. In an inflationary context, dispute is among those seeking to adjust tariffs and those trying to leave them virtually frozen, local press <u>reported</u>.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Bank provides USD 347 million financing to modernize and extend <u>railway line</u>.</li> </ul>

# BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
307,561	13,021	253,406	1,103	7.27

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bolivian Medical College <a href="#">confirmed</a> the spread of Brazil variant in Santa Cruz and Beni.</li> <li>The Bolivian government <a href="#">applauded</a> the call by CELAC to facilitate vaccine production around the world.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 516,000 people have received at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at the beginning of last week, government <a href="#">stated</a>.</li> <li>President Arce <a href="#">announced</a> the arrival of a new shipment of Sputnik V vaccines and the continuity of the vaccination rollout.</li> <li>A total of 1,292,430 Sputnik, Sinopharm, and Pfizer doses will <a href="#">arrive</a> in mid-May.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">agreed</a> on increasing by 2% the minimum wage for 2021 after discussions with union leaders. Nonetheless, the measure was not well received by some sectors, <a href="#">including</a> Bolivian Private Entrepreneur Association (CEPB).</li> <li>Government <a href="#">reduces</a> the inflow and outflow of foreign currency to prevent illicit profits.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A digital app to <a href="#">track</a> corruption claims was launched by President Luis Arce.</li> <li>European Parliament <a href="#">calls</a> for the release of Jeanine Añez and other high-level politicians, including two former ministers.</li> <li>Oscar Hassenteufe was <a href="#">appointed</a> as new the new president of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) after Salvador Romero step aside last Wednesday.</li> <li>Former minister Ivan Arias was <a href="#">accused</a> of corruption one week before taking office as mayor of La Paz.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bolivia registered a trade surplus for the first quarter of 2021, President Arce <a href="#">announced</a>.</li> <li>More than double of the <a href="#">expected</a> value was collected from the wealth tax, launched one month ago.</li> </ul>

# BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
14,779,529	408,622	13,278,718	1,911	20.31

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The COVID-19 CPI began <b>operating</b> in the Senate, calling all former Health Ministers from the Bolsonaro administration to testify before the committee this week.</li> <li>Deaths among those aged 80 and above have <b>fallen</b> by over 20% since January, even as total deaths have increased, a success of the country's vaccine program's age-based targeting.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After denying the application of the Sputnik-V vaccine, ANVISA <b>faced</b> accusations of unethical actions and will reconsider the application with more information.</li> <li>Health Minister Marcelo Quiroga <b>announced</b> that Brazil will have enough vaccines for its entire population by the end of 2021.</li> <li>Four million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccines, through the COVAX Initiative, will be <b>distributed</b> throughout Brazil by Tuesday.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Executive <b>published</b> MP 1045/2021, renewing the Emergency Benefit for the Preservation of Employment and Income, permitting reductions in wages and working hours, along with a BRL 10 billion extraordinary credit line to fund the program.</li> <li>The Executive also <b>published</b> MP 1046/2021, easing labor laws to allow, among other things, the postponement of FGTS payments.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 90-term of the COVID-19 CPI is likely to <b>maintain</b> tension between the Senate and Bolsonaro until September, while also impacting the Senate's ability to consider legislation, giving a greater role to the House.</li> <li>The future of the Tax Reform will <b>depend</b> on whether Dep. Aguinaldo Ribeiro (PP/PB) presents his comprehensive report before the deadline, after which Speaker Arthur Lira (PP/AL) may promote a more piecemeal reform.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Monetary Policy Committee is likely to <b>announce</b> a 0.75 pp increase in the SELIC interest rate, bringing it to 3.5%, in an attempt to limit inflation.</li> </ul>

# CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,215,815	26,659	1,149,795	1,385	77.67

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital platform to understand mental health problems and necessities in the country was <a href="#">launched</a>.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Piñera <a href="#">announced</a> new vaccine contract with Sinovac of more than three million additional doses.</li> <li>Ministry of Health <a href="#">launched</a> new plan to accelerate the vaccine rollout at a local level.</li> <li>Chile has <a href="#">vaccinated</a> more than 8 million people with a first dose as of last week.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April's expanded IFE payment was <a href="#">announced</a>. According to the government, it will benefit around 13 million people that have been severely impacted amid the pandemic.</li> <li>A third pension withdrawal was <a href="#">enacted</a> by the government after an intense debate at Congress. While Chileans will be able to take out 10% of their pensions savings, a strong economic impact is expected in the long run. Meanwhile, this decision will also have a political impact as the legislative support for the government loses strength.</li> <li>More than 50% of coal-power plants will be <a href="#">withdrawn</a> by 2025, Minister of Energy announced.</li> </ul>
	<b>Country Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Economy and union groups <a href="#">reinforce</a> sanitary measures and call for self-care amid the reopening of restaurants.</li> <li>More than 26 communes will <a href="#">enter</a> to the transition phase after a slight decrease of COVID-19 confirmed cases.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chile Vamos party <a href="#">gathered</a> with high level officials of the government to discuss next steps and actions.</li> <li>President Piñera <a href="#">presented</a> before Congress a new project to withdraw social security savings.</li> </ul>
	<b>Social</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">launched</a> digital platform to facilitate access for social and fiscal aids.</li> </ul>

# COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,905,254	75,164	2,721,317	1,464	10.05

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Health began the <a href="#">formulation</a> of the new Ten-Year Health Plan 2022-2031.</li> <li>Draft resolutions on maximum budgets were <a href="#">published</a> by the Ministry of Health.</li> <li>At the Pacific Alliance Summit, President Duque and other participants <a href="#">discussed</a> the necessity to move forward with shared solutions for the production, packaging, and marketing of vaccines in the region.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While vaccination for citizens over 60+ years <a href="#">began</a> last week, the government <a href="#">advances</a> in the possibility of signing new bilateral agreements.</li> <li>Difficulties in <a href="#">obtaining</a> the authorization of Sputnik V vaccine have prevented its importation.</li> <li>The distribution of COVID-19 vaccines was <a href="#">affected</a> by the wave of protests, according to the Minister of Health.</li> <li>COVAX-Facility vaccine <a href="#">distribution</a> moves forward.</li> </ul>
	<b>Country Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lockdowns were <a href="#">intensified</a> in some of the main cities of the country to control protests. Despite mobility restrictions, thousands of Colombians took to the streets during the weekend.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister of Finance, Alberto Carrasquilla, <a href="#">resigned</a> from office after the tax reform was withdrawn from Congress.</li> <li>President Duque <a href="#">commemorated</a> Colombia's first year as a full member of the OECD.</li> </ul>
	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Duque completely <a href="#">withdrew</a> the tax reform bill from Congress after massive strikes took the streets of the main cities in Colombia.</li> </ul>
	<b>Social</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Widespread protests <a href="#">against</a> the government took place in different cities with reported incidents of violence as tensions rapidly escalated between protestors and police forces, especially in Cali which was <a href="#">militarized</a> over the weekend.</li> </ul>

# ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
388,046	18,765	329,582	1,050	5.86

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Health <b>reported</b> the detection of five cases of an "Andean strain" of coronavirus.</li> <li>President-elect Guillermo Lasso <b>announced</b> that Dr. Ximena Garzon will be appointed as Health Minister when his term begins on May 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>President-elect Lasso <b>asked</b> the governments of China and the US to expand the supply of COVID-19 vaccines.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratories with contracts to provide COVID-19 vaccines were <b>invited</b> to participate in government transition meetings.</li> <li>The Ministry of Health <b>reported</b> that the vaccination process was affected due to malicious messages used to confuse citizens.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mayor of Guayaquil is <b>analyzing</b> a new ordinance to encourage the economic reactivation of the province.</li> <li>Discussions on Ecuador's trade agreements with the United States and Chile continue to <b>advance</b> in the Legislative.</li> <li>The Law of Defense of Dollarization to be <b>published</b> this week in the Official Registry.</li> </ul>
	<b>Country Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities have <b>detained</b> over 150 people during past weeks for breaking the nighttime lockdown.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Ecuadorian court <b>summoned</b> the mayor of Quito to trial for the alleged misappropriation of public funds in the purchase of diagnostic COVID-19 tests.</li> <li>President-elect Guillermo Lasso's cabinet to <b>focus</b> on including more women as Ministers.</li> </ul>
	<b>Social</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNICEF <b>called</b> on the Government regarding the lack of pediatric vaccines, such as pentavalent, rotavirus and influenza vaccines.</li> <li>The Constitutional Court <b>decided</b> to decriminalize abortion in all cases of sexual abuse.</li> <li>Unions in Ecuador <b>demanding</b> protection against the advance of COVID-19.</li> </ul>



# MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,348,873	217,233	1,867,191	1,670	14.21

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undersecretary of Health, López-Gatell, <a href="#">stated</a> that “corruption stopped approval procedures for medicines and medical equipment at COFEPRIS”.</li> <li>Undersecretary of Health <a href="#">reported</a> that the country has been reducing coronavirus infections for 14 weeks and that related hospitalizations have <a href="#">decreased</a> by 80%.</li> <li>Local Congress <a href="#">approved</a> the new Mexico City Health Law.</li> <li>According to a research carried out by the Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS), around 60 million Mexicans have already been <a href="#">infected</a> with COVID-19.</li> <li>The first case of the Indian variant of the coronavirus in Mexico was <a href="#">detected</a>.</li> <li>The Foreign Affairs Secretariat <a href="#">announced</a> that Mexico will participate in Phase 3 of a Spanish project for the COVID-19 vaccine.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health Secretariat <a href="#">confirmed</a> that in mid-June Mexico will begin packaging the Russian Sputnik V vaccine.</li> <li>According to Astra-Zeneca, COVID-19 vaccines manufactured by Mexico and Argentina will be <a href="#">distributed</a> in mid-2021.</li> <li>Russia <a href="#">offered</a> Mexico a single dose version of the Sputnik-V vaccine called Sputnik-Light.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Social</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Law for the Universal Access to Free Medicines was <a href="#">proposed</a> by a political party.</li> <li>Members of the Alliance of Health Workers <a href="#">protested</a> to demand the supply of medicines and a salary increase.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moody's <a href="#">confirmed</a> Mexico's credit rating with a negative outlook.</li> <li>President AMLO <a href="#">stated</a> that, although "little", the economy "is growing" and kept the 2021 growth forecast between 5 and 6%.</li> </ul>

# PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
282,543	6,572	233,453	912	1.46

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Health to <a href="#">investigate</a> irregularities in vaccination process against COVID-19.</li> <li>With new family units, government expects to <a href="#">expand</a> primary health attention.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">enables</a> ID-based vaccination for citizens over 75 years of age.</li> <li>Asuncion to <a href="#">open</a> seven more vaccination points.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Directorate of Public Purchases <a href="#">modified</a> procurement law to improve transparency.</li> <li>Government authorizes <a href="#">subsidies</a> for entertainment, hospitality, restaurant, tourism, and events sectors.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congressional committee to oversee negotiations of Itaipu's Annex C agreement, <a href="#">appointed</a>.</li> <li>Government to submit <a href="#">bill</a> to improve public bids and procurement operations.</li> <li>UNDP <a href="#">extends</a> agricultural cooperation agreement with local agency.</li> <li><a href="#">Questionings</a> over alleged VIP vaccination scandal of high-level politicians.</li> <li>Partido Colorado representative <a href="#">calls</a> to postpone local elections.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government <a href="#">explores possibility</a> of opening commercial office in Jerusalem.</li> <li>Paraguay calls to <a href="#">comply</a> with MERCOSUR's foundational agreements amid calls to make the bloc more flexible.</li> <li>Minister of Finance to submit <a href="#">proposal</a> to modify public expenditure guidelines.</li> <li>Frente Guasu <a href="#">suggests</a> increasing taxes on tobacco to fund health sector.</li> </ul>

# PERU

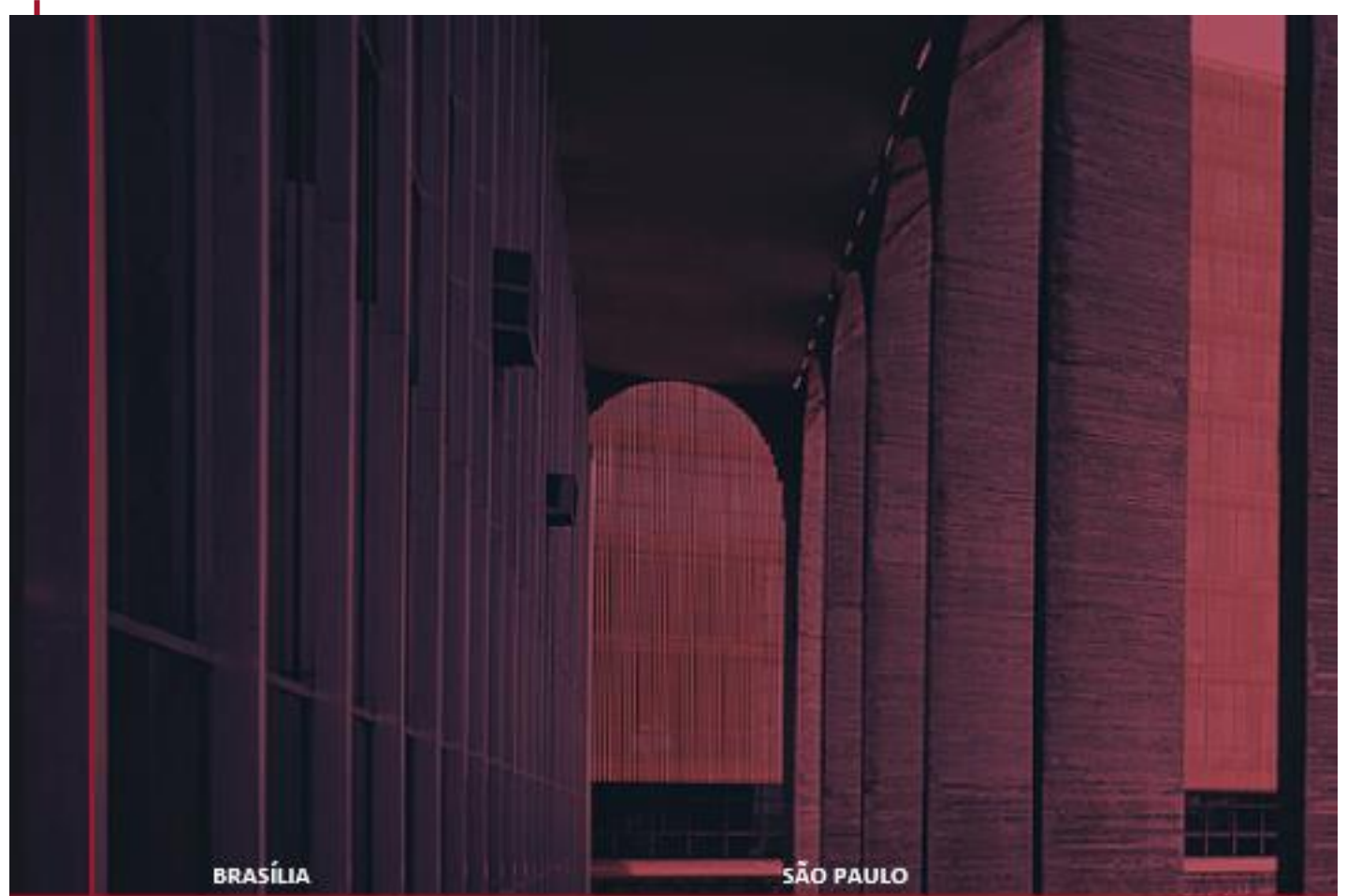
TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,810,998	62,126	1,688,091	1,863	5.04

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A university <b>began</b> proceedings before DIGEMID for the authorization of manufacture and use of a COVID-19 molecular test.</li> <li>The National Police <b>dismantled</b> a band dedicated to the sale of fake vaccines against COVID-19 in the city of Trujillo.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Sagasti <b>urged</b> osenior citizens to get vaccinated against COVID-19 after polls indicating a significant percentage of reluctance to do so.</li> <li>The Minister of Health <b>announced</b> the rescheduling of three vaccination dates for adults over 70 years of age.</li> <li>The National Chamber of Tourism (Canatur) <b>opened</b> a registry for companies to sign up and state how many vaccines they seek to acquire.</li> </ul>
	<b>Country opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peru <b>extended</b> until May 15 the suspension of flights from Brazil, the United Kingdom and South Africa.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the Ministry of Economy, the country's economy will <b>grow</b> 10% in 2021.</li> </ul>

# URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
202,492	2,724	173,769	782	52.81

<b>Government Measures</b>	<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uruguay ranks second in the world with the highest number of daily deaths per million inhabitants, local press <a href="#">reported</a>.</li> <li>The advisory group (GACH) stated that although there has been a <a href="#">plateau of cases</a>, in recent days the reproduction of the virus threatens to rise again.</li> <li>April closed as the <a href="#">worst month</a> of COVID-19 pandemic. Over 60% of the deaths since the start of the pandemic were recorded during this month, local press reported.</li> </ul>
	<b>Vaccine Rollout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than <a href="#">600,000 people</a> have already received both doses of COVID-19 vaccines. Considering the total number of doses applied (approximately 1.8 million), the country <a href="#">applied</a> more than 50 doses per 100 inhabitants.</li> <li>President Lacalle Pou <a href="#">recognized</a> the Chinese government's support for access to vaccines in Uruguay.</li> </ul>
	<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uruguay and MERCOSUR member states <a href="#">agreed</a> to facilitate cross-border e-commerce.</li> <li>The Labor Minister announced the <a href="#">sending</a> to Parliament of a bill to promote work focus on youths and those over 45 years of age.</li> </ul>
	<b>Country opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President <a href="#">announced</a> gradual return to on-site classes by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>National electric company (UTE) suspends <a href="#">on-site attention</a> at its offices until May 16<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
<b>Outlook</b>	<b>Political</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new Social Development Minister was <a href="#">appointed</a>. This change is to <a href="#">address</a> a "new policy objective" in the context of the pandemic.</li> <li>Frente Amplio stated that "the government continues with its adjustment plan during the pandemic" in an <a href="#">analysis document issued</a>.</li> <li>Mayor of Montevideo <a href="#">proposed</a> the creation of a metropolitan corridor system.</li> </ul>



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