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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

2021
19|July

SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO
2,659,137 confirmed cases
236,331 deaths
42.10 vaccines/100 people

COLOMBIA
4,655,921 confirmed cases
116,753 deaths
46.16 vaccines/100 people

BRAZIL
19,391,845 confirmed cases
542,756 deaths
58.39 vaccines/100 people

ECUADOR
476,065 confirmed cases
21.953 deaths
44.68 vaccines/100 people

PERU
2,093,754 confirmed cases
195,146 deaths
30.62 vaccines/100 people

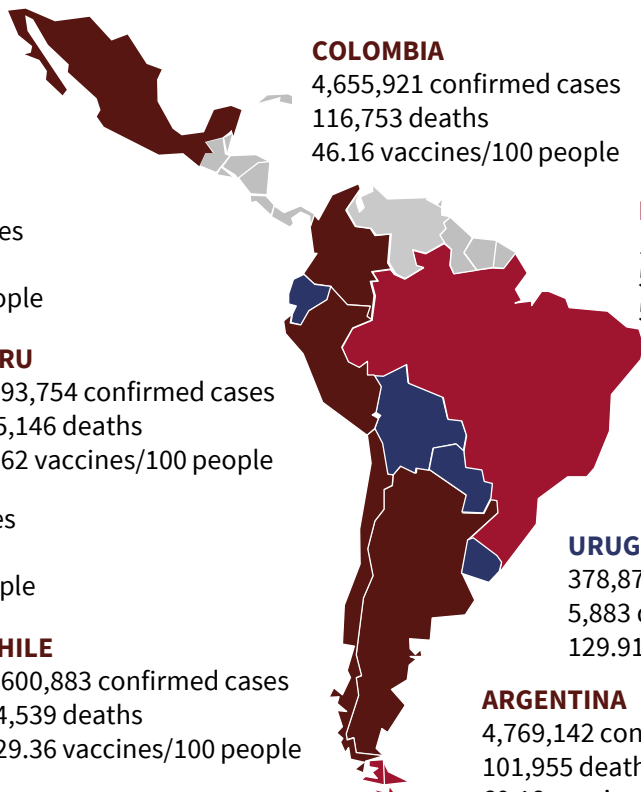
PARAGUAY
444,492 confirmed cases
14,288 deaths
11.59 vaccines/100 people

BOLIVIA
462,154 confirmed cases
17,458 deaths
26.71 vaccines/100 people

CHILE
1,600,883 confirmed cases
34,539 deaths
129.36 vaccines/100 people

URUGUAY
378,875 confirmed cases
5,883 deaths
129.91 vaccines/100 people

ARGENTINA
4,769,142 confirmed cases
101,955 deaths
60.18 vaccines/100 people



CASES BY COUNTRY

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

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JULY 12-JULY 19, 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	4,769,142	121,194	64.6%	101,955	3,714	77%	401,667
BOLIVIA	462,154	7,913	0.4%	17,458	239	2%	167,606
BRAZIL	19,391,845	301,905	28.5%	542,756	9,210	38%	253,131
CHILE	1,600,883	11,260	-25.7%	34,539	559	-19%	935,120
COLOMBIA	4,655,921	143,961	31.6%	116,753	3,927	40%	420,912
ECUADOR	476,065	7,719	75.6%	21,953	123	1%	89,754
MEXICO	2,659,137	68,637	41.1%	236,331	1,362	6%	60,993
PARAGUAY	444,492	6,773	-13.6%	14,288	370	-21%	225,341
PERU	2,093,754	12,977	-8.0%	195,146	759	-24%	448,778
URUGUAY	378,875	2,296	-30.3%	5,883	68	-35%	848,718

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 19/07/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: Key electoral week as the deadline for submitting candidates to compete in the primary elections expires.

Bolivia: New vaccine batch of over 500,000 Sinopharm doses arrived in the country last week.

Brazil: Electoral reform in the spotlight.

Colombia: Vaccine rollout moves forward as the country moves to stage five.

Chile: Primary elections took place as the political landscape for November's poll is becoming clearer.

Ecuador: Concerns over the spread of the Delta COVID-19 variant are increasing.

Mexico: AMLO seeks to build a common agenda with elected officials.

Paraguay: With new shipments of COVID-19 vaccines scheduled, government expands vaccination plan.

Peru: The Ministry of Health sent 43 tons of medical supplies against COVID-19 to regions with a very high contagion alert level.

Uruguay: After a month of sustained drop in COVID-19 cases, government is studying the possibility of allowing foreigners with full vaccination schedule to enter the country.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,769,142	101,955	4,407,815	2,234	60.18

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA provincial Health Minister said that occupation rate of intensive care beds with COVID-19 patients is decreasing. • Argentina surpassed the 100,000 deaths due to COVID-19. Government ordered a five-day national mourning period to commemorate this. • Ministry of Health authorities defined health priorities to work on diseases such as diabetes, kidney disease and cardiovascular disease. Some of the main ones include: the active search for people with chronic diseases; patient follow-up and timely diagnosis.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 3.5 million Moderna vaccines donated by the United States arrived in the country. These vaccines will be targeted to younger population suffering from previous pathologies. • The Gamaleya Institute in Russia approved the first batch of Sputnik V vaccines locally produced by Richmond Laboratory. • Argentina is expected to reach 38 million vaccines received this week.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government launched the Green Productive Development Plan. It will allocate resources to incorporate sustainability in production.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Buenos Aires provincial government is analyzing the possibility of preventing unvaccinated people from entering bars and restaurants, local press reported.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The period for submitting candidate lists to compete in the primary elections expires next Saturday. In BA province, the ruling party would compete on a single list and the opposition (Juntos por el Cambio) would go to internal elections amongst forces comprising the alliance. • Congress approved new Biofuels Law.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to INDEC, inflation in Argentina reached 3.2% during June. Year-on-year inflation reached 50.2%

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
462,154	17,458	390,745	1,475	26.71

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herland Tejerina was appointed as the new National Health Center manager. As of July 16, any Delta variant case has been confirmed in the country by health authorities.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new vaccine shipment of over 500,000 Sinopharm doses arrived in the country last week. According to local press more than 70% of people in La Paz have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While Bolivia reactivates the gas vehicle conversion program, more than 6,700 direct and indirect jobs are expected to be created along the process. The Ministry of Economy along with local business leaders and guilds, planned an agenda to reactivate the micro and small sized companies. Over 1.4 million people have been benefited by the <i>Bono Contra el Hambre</i> program, government announced.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Luis Arce accepted letters of accreditation from diplomatic representatives from the Republic of Korea, Denmark, Thailand, Ethiopia, and Saudi Arabia. Mercosur will create a commission to investigate the alleged participation of foreign governments in the 2019 Bolivian crisis. President Luis Arce celebrated the decision. Jose Manuel Vivanco, Human Rights Watch director, raised concerns after the removal by decree of departmental electoral members. According to Vivanco, members had been appointed by Añez in accordance with the Assembly's unanimous mandate to renew electoral authorities.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between January and May, the registration of companies in La Paz rose to 73%, compared to the same period in 2020.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
19,391,845	542,756	18,067,080	2,535	58.39

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brazil has detected at least 97 cases of the COVID-19 Delta variant, concentrated in Rio de Janeiro and Paraná. President Bolsonaro met with Health Minister Marcelo Quiroga to discuss the efforts against COVID-19 in Brazil and specifically to ask for studies into the drug proxalutamide to treat the disease.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to new data from the Ministry of Health, 44% of the Brazilian population have received at least a first dose of a vaccine, while 16% are fully vaccinated. ANVISA authorized a clinical study to test the efficacy and safety of a third dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine along with a study for a Chinese vaccine developed by the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congress entered a legislative recess following the passage of the LDO 2022, with work suspended until August 1st, temporarily suspending the political influence of the Pandemic CPI. With legislative work suspended, political attention will turn to electoral negotiations and the slight recovery in President Bolsonaro's approval rating. Electoral reform remains a highly contentious topic with administrative tweaks likely to be approved along with changes to party federation, while more controversial elements like the Paper Ballot PEC remain gridlocked.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite the decline in the IBC-Br GDP forecast, economic outlook from both banks and the Ministry of Economy remain positive, with an expectation of GDP growth above 5%, depending on the resumption of family consumption. The 2022 Budget Guidelines Law (LDO) predicts a primary deficit of 1.9% of GDP for the government next year, representing the ninth consecutive deficit.

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,600,883	34,539	1,553,145	1,791	129.36

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoH begins a research plan to determine immune response to a booster vaccination dose against COVID-19. Chilean universities searches alternatives to accelerate the detection of COVID-19 new variants.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chile studies the immune response to a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, local press informed. According to the government, 85% of the target population have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes of the reopening plan <i>Paso a Paso</i> will allow recovering up to 30 thousand jobs in the gastronomic sector, government stated.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bono Alivio</i> payment was launched last week as a program to help micro and small businesses affected amid the pandemic crisis.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary elections that will decide the different candidates to compete at November's polls took place. Communist Party Daniel Jadue, who had called for radical economic reforms amid the campaign, lost with leftwing Gabriel Boric. Among right-wing contenders, former government minister Sebastian Sichel, won with 49.1%. A bill to tackle threats, coercion and harassment issues was presented before Congress. President Piñera participated in APEC leaders meeting. <i>Democracia Cristiana</i> party sets national board to proclaim presidential candidacy alternatives. Constitutional Assembly approves the creation of the Human Rights Commission as other decisions regarding internal norms and guidelines were discussed.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chilean authorities improved the GDP growth projection for 2021 to 7.5%.

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,655,921	116,753	4,408,026	2,269	46.16

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After a long process of discussion, the Ministry of Health <u>designated</u> the Universidad de los Andes as the institution that will support the development of the formulation phase of Colombia's Ten-Year Public Health Plan. With this in mind, the different collaborators will advance in the social participation tables at the national level, which will be carried out during this year and early 2022. More than 25,000 doses of the Cytarabine drug, an essential medicine for the treatment of different types of cancer, <u>arrived</u> in the country expecting to solve shortages issues.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health <u>announced</u> the opening stage 5 of the National Vaccination Plan were people between 25 and 39 years will start being vaccinated.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Finance, Jose Manuel Restrepo, <u>revealed</u> the content of the new Tax Reform that will intend to raise COP \$15.2 billion. During the presentation ceremony, the president of ANDI and the Union Council expressed their support for the initiative. According to the draft document, 69% of revenues would come from business taxes. The project will be presented on July 20 before Congress.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Valdivieso, Vice Minister of Foreign Trade, <u>stepped down</u> from her post after two years at the Ministry of Commerce.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Households' expenditure <u>increased</u> by 11% during June 2021, reaching COP \$ 65.3 billion spent. While the country hasn't reached yet its normal pre-pandemic growing path, consumption rise are good signs of Colombia's strong economic recovery. In a recent report published by FENALCO, 59% of the merchants surveyed <u>stated</u> that their sales volumes were higher than those of the same month of the previous year. Meanwhile, entrepreneurs expressed a greater enthusiasm about the near future.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
476,065	21,953	443,880	1,225	44.68

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Emerging Operations Committee indicated that measures in provinces where the new Delta variant has presented are necessary.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government ensured that the second vaccination dose with AstraZeneca is guaranteed. Quito and Guayaquil carried out a massive COVID-19 vaccination day. Ecuador received the first shipment of 379,080 doses of Pfizer's vaccine sent through the Covax Facility initiative. Citizens can now access a digital COVID-19 vaccination certificate.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new requirements for the entry into Ecuador of citizens of India and Brazil came into effect.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Vice Minister of Finance was appointed. The Government issued a decree for the Ministry of Labor to carry out actions for the promotion and facilitation of employment.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Lasso was appointed as temporary president of the Andean Community (CAN) and stated that he will ask for greater support in COVID-19 vaccines for the region.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government assured that it wants to negotiate a free trade agreement with the United States. President Lasso stated that they will formulate strategies to promote credit aimed at reactivating the national economy,

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,659,137	236,331	2,086,657	1,813	42.10

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amidst accusations of oncological shortages, the fifth meeting between parents of children with cancer and authorities of the Health Institute for Well-being (INSABI) was held. The Secretariats of Health and of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development signed an agreement focused on safe public spaces and addiction prevention. Health Secretariat to be moved to Guerrero in October. Mexico donates syringes to Cuba.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country received a new shipment of COVID-19 vaccines from the COVAX mechanism. Health Secretariat presented the project for the new measurement parameters of the Epidemic Risk Traffic Light. Moderna vaccine will soon receive sanitary approval, according to Foreign Minister.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to Foreign Minister, Mexico will seek to reopen ties with North Korea. AMLO meets with local officials to agree on a common agenda.

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
444,492	14,288	403,622	1,978	11.59

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanitary authorities highlight downward trend in COVID-19 contagions.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young adults and adolescents with comorbidities enabled to receive COVID-19 vaccine. COVAXIN's COVID-19 vaccines are scheduled to arrive by the second week of August. Minister of Health will travel to the US to negotiate more COVID-19 vaccines. Weekly deliveries of Pfizer vaccines would start taking place as of this week. Ministry of Technology and Uber offered free rides to vaccination centers.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Secretariat extended lowered rates on selective tax until October 2021.
Outlook	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelers coming from abroad will have to complete a five-day quarantine and submit a negative PCR test. Government enacts new measures allowing for more flexible circulation and limited number of people in indoor and outdoor events. Minister of Education opens discussions on non-compulsory return to on-site schools.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration period for municipal elections has closed. Abdo administration submits package of bills before Congress to improve public spending and State efficiency.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OECD report highlights that Paraguay has the lowest tax burden in the region.

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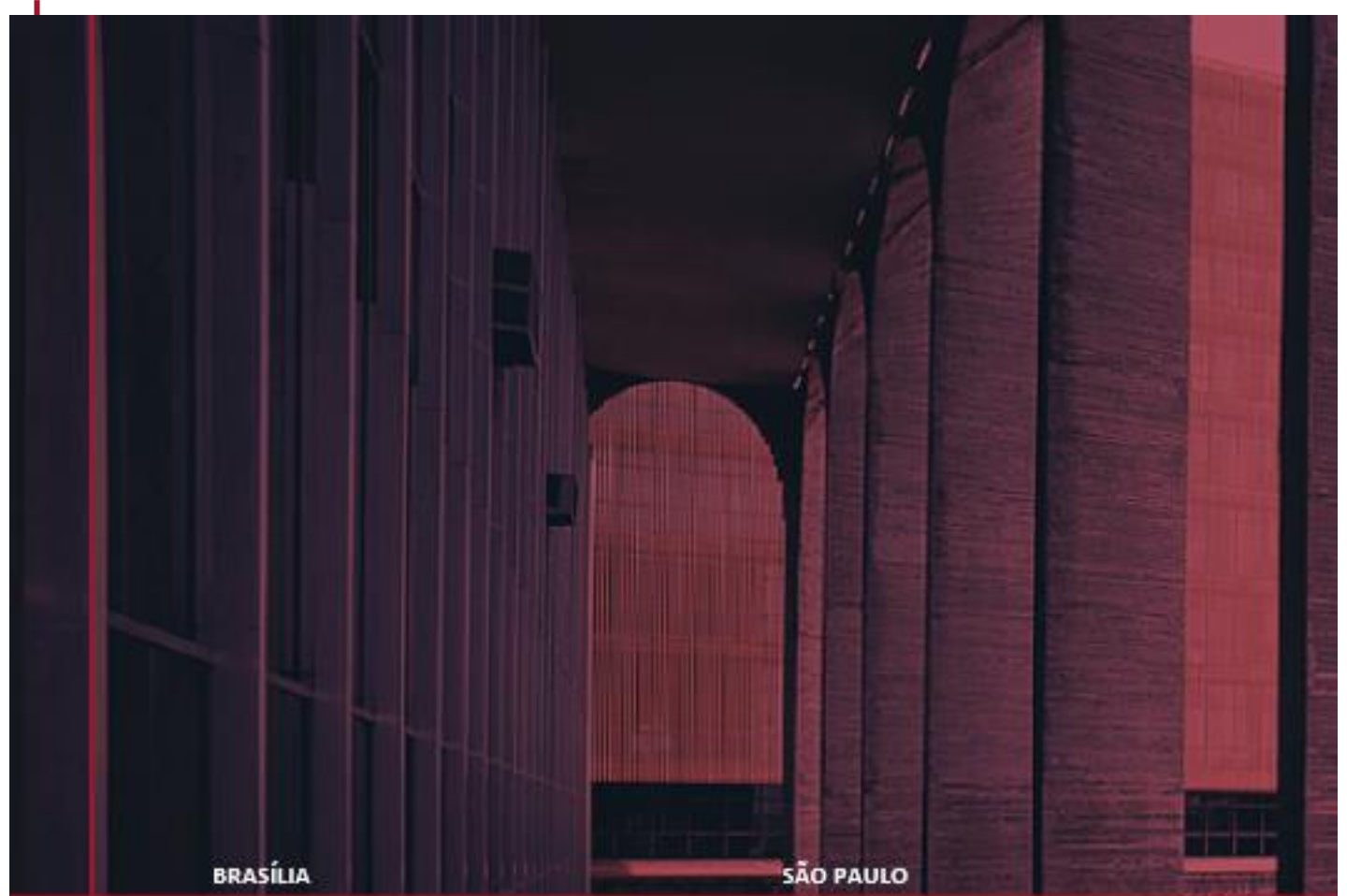
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2,093,754	195,146	-	5,834	30.62

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health sent 43 tons of medical supplies against COVID-19 to regions with a very high contagion alert level. The Ministry of Health authorized a money transfer in favor of PAHO for the acquisition of 8000 Malaria rapid test kits. According to the MoH, the country is in better conditions to face a third wave of COVID-19.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Sagasti announced that his transition government managed to secure 78.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines until January 2022. The Minister of Health defended the effectiveness of the Sinopharm vaccine and rejected contrary affirmations from politicians. Presidents of hospitals from EsSalud Lima protested to demand that the new vaccination of health personnel is carried out with the Pfizer vaccine.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents asked the Ministry of Education to reconsider the return to on-site classes. The government extended the suspension of flights from Brazil, South Africa and India until the end of July.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Prosecutor's Office initiated a preliminary investigation for acts of violence registered against the Ministers of Health and of Housing in mobilizations in favor of Keiko Fujimori. The Commission of Constitutional Accusations in Congress approved the complaints against former president Vizcarra and other officials for the <i>Vacunagate</i> scandal.

URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
378,875	5,883	368,545	1,687	129.91

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguay reached one month of steady decline in COVID-19 cases. The country's capital, Montevideo, improved its position and moved to the yellow zone of the Harvard Index. Government will fund scientific work to identify variants through the Coronavirus Fund, local press reported.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguay reached 2 Million people vaccinated with both doses, presidential portal reported. Health Ministry will implement a neighborhood vaccination schedule. The aim is to inoculate unvaccinated people in marginal areas of Montevideo and Canelones.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government would study the possibility of allowing foreigners with full vaccination schedule to enter the country, local press remarked. Cinemas reopened in Montevideo, Maldonado and Canelones.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacalle Pou has a management approval rating of 56%, according to Factum survey. Approval dropped 3% compared to the last measurement. Uruguay and the European Union signed agreements reinforcing their partnership for sustainable development, presidential portal reported. These include agreements in areas of education, forestry and information technology. After the collection of signatures that would allow calling a referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law (LUC), the President's Secretary endorsed the law and announced that there will be a campaign to defend it.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers on "unemployment insurance" dropped back close to 2019 levels.



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