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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

2021
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SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

2,917,817 confirmed cases
244,420 deaths
55.95 vaccines/100 people

COLOMBIA

4,843,007 confirmed cases
122,601 deaths
59.44 vaccines/100 people

ECUADOR

491,831 confirmed cases
31,788 deaths
73.02 vaccines/100 people

BRAZIL

20,177,757 cases
563,562 deaths
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PERU

2,125,345 confirmed cases
196,950 deaths
44.35 vaccines/100 people

BOLIVIA

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17,983 deaths
40.47 vaccines/100 people

PARAGUAY

455,120 confirmed cases
15,293 deaths
29.78 vaccines/100 people

CHILE

1,624,316 confirmed cases
36,107 deaths
134.38 vaccines/100 people

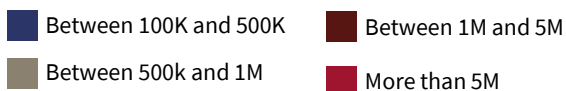
URUGUAY

382,607 confirmed cases
5,989 deaths
140.54 vaccines/100 people

ARGENTINA

5,029,075 confirmed cases
107,961 deaths
76.61 vaccines/100 people

CASES BY COUNTRY



COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

AUGUST 02 - AUGUST 09, 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	5,029,075	82,045	-18.3%	107,961	1,916	-18.3%	442,468
BOLIVIA	478,063	4,164	-24.0%	17,983	144	-24.0%	180,407
BRAZIL	20,177,757	224,256	-15.3%	563,562	6,339	-15.3%	256,903
CHILE	1,624,316	6,464	-13.9%	36,107	491	-13.9%	992,932
COLOMBIA	4,843,007	41,957	-42.7%	122,601	1,385	-42.7%	447,944
ECUADOR	491,831	4,233	-38.5%	31,788	154	-38.5%	95,204
MEXICO	2,917,817	62,825	-41.0%	244,420	3,386	-41.0%	67,304
PARAGUAY	455,120	2,422	-27.9%	15,293	251	-27.9%	236,518
PERU	2,125,345	12,144	37.9%	196,950	512	37.9%	473,272
URUGUAY	382,607	1,038	-8.8%	5,989	23	-8.8%	903,347

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 09/08/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: Government expanded the budget line to pay salaries and address pandemic expenditure.

Bolivia: Government resumes second dose application after delayed delivery.

Brazil:

Colombia: Vaccine passport to be launched in the next month.

Chile: Health authorities to give COVID-19 vaccine boosters for those inoculated with Sinovac.

Ecuador: The National Assembly urged the president to declare an emergency in the Health System.

Mexico: President AMLO announced that the US is preparing another vaccine donation for Mexico.

Paraguay: Ongoing protests across sectors reported.

Peru: DIGEMID granted a conditional sanitary registration valid for one year to the Sinopharm vaccine.

Uruguay: Uruguay recorded no deaths due to COVID-19 for the first time in almost 8 months.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
5,029,075	107,961	4,681,661	2,365	76.61

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief of Cabinet and Health Minister announced new parameters to determine epidemiological alarms. New Buenos Aires Province Health Minister stated that the Argentine healthcare system "is one of the most fragmented in the world" and called for its reform. Health Ministry made first delivery of medical cannabis to patients with epilepsy at Garrahan Hospital
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government is analyzing the application of a third dose, local press reported. This would be for population over 60 years of age. Combined vaccination schemes began to be applied in several provinces of the country. Vaccination program for native communities in Buenos Aires city ended.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government expanded the 2021 budget line.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government announced a plan of "progressive and sustained" openings. Openings are planned for tourism and massive outdoor events. Quota of individuals allowed to enter the country by air was expanded. Non-resident foreigners who have direct relatives are also allowed to enter the country.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government regulated the Gas Subsidy Law in cold areas. President Alberto Fernandez received the US Chief of National Security. They addressed issues such as the economy, climate change, Venezuela and the pandemic. The Argentine Agricultural Council (CAA) and the Agricultural Federation (FAA) expressed the sector's unease regarding restrictions on exporting meat abroad.

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
478,063	17,983	415,355	1,518	40.47

Government Measures	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolivia resumes application of second dose of Sputnik V after delayed delivery. According to President Arce, vaccines will begin to be administered this week. Government of Spain announced the donation of over 585,000 AstraZeneca doses to Bolivia throughout the COVAX-Facility mechanism. Over 500,000 Sinopharm doses arrived in the country last week. Santa Cruz requires 43,200 second doses of Sputnik V to vaccinate July's pending people, local press confirmed.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tensions rise with Congress after an accountability session to question the pandemic management of Health Minister Jeyson Auza. Bolivian Luis Arce and Russian Vladimir Putin discussed COVID-19, the Sputnik V vaccine supply, energy cooperation, and economic opportunities between both countries. Concerns rise over wildfire reported in different rural areas.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolivian state owned YPFB reported exports for 62,000 tons of liquefied petroleum gas to Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Peru. The company also announced new investments of USD \$400 million in exploration. Government informed throughout a press review how Bolivia's economy is reactivating, and macroeconomic indicators showing positive data.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
20,177,757	563,562	18,907,243	2,631	71.97

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The House of Representatives is holding a general committee to discuss the health situation in Brazil with doctors, hospital representatives, and other officials. 287 cases of the Delta variant of COVID-19 have been identified in Brazil, although health surveillance agencies believe this is an underestimate.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over half of Brazil's total population has received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, with more than two-thirds of adults having received a dose. The vaccine campaign is reaching younger age groups, with São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Brasília all vaccinating people in their 20s.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolsonaro presented the Auxílio Brasil legislation to Speaker of the House Arthur Lira (PP/AL), creating a new financial benefit to replace Bolsa Familia and the emergency aid. The Paper Ballot PEC (135/2019) will be put to a floor vote this week but is likely to be rejected after failing in committee. Bolsonaro's rhetoric on the topic has increased tension between the Executive and the Judiciary, with the Federal Supreme Court authorizing his inclusion in the Fake News Inquiry.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank increased the SELIC interest rate by 1% on August 4th, signaling that a contractionary monetary policy will be implemented in response to worry about the pace of inflation. Celso Sabino (PSDB/PA), the rapporteur for the Income Tax Reform, predicted the approval of PL 2337/21, which creates a tax on dividends and amends the Income Tax table, on Tuesday (10).

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,624,316	36,107	1,580,173	1,871	134.38

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sinovac announced the decision to invest and build a plant for the production of vaccines and a center for R&D in the Metropolitan and Antofagasta regions. The plant will produce COVID-19, hepatitis and influenza vaccines.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health authorities to give COVID-19 vaccine boosters for those inoculated with Sinovac. The country will begin administering an additional dose of Astrazeneca vaccine on August 11, starting with citizens over 55 years old who received their shots before March 31. New Pfizer shipment arrived in the country last week.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government delivers sanitary recommendations for the reopening of theaters.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government grants around 30,000 hectares for economic reactivation projects. The initiative seeks to promote investment in six productive sectors according with the vocations of use that each land presents. Committee of Experts delivered a preliminary report with 16 proposals to encourage job creation.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Education begins national consultation to prepare a four-year roadmap for the sector.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 900 thousand micro and small companies received the SME Relief Bonus, government announced. The Monthly Index of Economic Activity (Imacec) for June, registered an increase of 20.1% compared to the same month last year, the Central Bank reported. Chile's interest rate to rise to 1% in August, according to Central Bank survey. More than 9 thousand low-income families have been benefited with the special rent subsidy launched by the Ministry of Housing.

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,843,007	122,601	4,656,709	2,382	59,44

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health began its rural tour through different regions to identify social indicators for building the Ten-Year Public Health Plan 2022-2031 roadmap. Delta variant arrives in Bogota after four cases were confirmed by the Health Secretariat.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the Ministry of Health, more than 27 million vaccines against COVID-19 were administered in July, surpassing the immunization goal for the month. Vaccinate Passport to be launched in the upcoming weeks, local press announced.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One hundred private companies joined the Colombia Carbon Neutral Program of the Ministry of Environment, with the objective of achieving the Paris Agreement goals. President Duque ratified the Borders Law which grants economic benefits for vulnerable population, strengthens national competitiveness, boost international trade and reinforces migration control in the country.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Nuevo Liberalismo</i> political movement reappeared after years of inactiveness. This gives the newly political party the opportunity to materialize their intentions to present a candidate for the 2022 presidential elections. Alejandra Botero was appointed as the new National Planning Department (DNP) director.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the global normality index of The Economist, Colombia, after Mexico, is the second country in the region that is closer to normality. President Duque projected that the national economy will be growing by 7% for 2021.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
491,381	31,788	443,880	1,772	73.02

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Assembly ratified the Protocol of Amendments to the Agreement on Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. The National Assembly urged the president to declare an emergency in the Health System. The government began the 2021 Breastfeeding Week. The Ministry of Health detected and isolated new cases of the Delta variant. The Vice President has continued visiting hospitals to evaluate service quality.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Lasso held a phone meeting with President Putin where they discussed manufacturing of the Sputnik vaccine in Ecuador. The Ministry of Health received the first 200 thousand doses of the CanSino vaccine.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is analyzing partial reopening of the border with Peru for the passage of products
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecuador's central bank doubled its emergency credit line with the Bank for International Settlements to \$840 million. The government ratified the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States at the World Bank.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> China once again prohibited the importation of two companies from Ecuador, due to the presence of coronavirus. The International Monetary Fund began a working mission in the country.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government launched a national campaign for the prevention of forest fires. The president of the Ecuadorian Psychiatry Association warned of a shortage of mental health medicines. Worker organizations have called for a protest against the rise in fuel prices.

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,917,817	244,420	2,326,466	1,874	55.95

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health Secretariat reported the delivery of 44 million medicines, including oncological, antibiotics, hematological and cardiac ones. The Health Secretariat presented to local authorities the Clinical Guide for the treatment of COVID-19 in Mexico. The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) reported that since May managed to clear more than 1,400 pending procedures.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO announced that the US is preparing another vaccine donation for Mexico.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO established maximum prices for LP gas as an emergency and transitory measure .
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO stated that it is time for an electoral reform that encompasses both the Electoral Tribunal and the Electoral National Institute. The Mexican government sued a group of US arms companies for promoting negligent and illicit commercial practices that facilitate the illegal traffic of arms. The president of the Electoral Tribunal was removed.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Economy Secretariat called on gas station businessmen to report possible acts of corruption. The IMF stated that Mexico needs to increase its fiscal support to face the pandemic

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
455,120	15,293	427,786	2,116	29.78

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seven new USF's inaugurated. The project was developed with support from the IDB. Hospital with 22 ICU beds inaugurated in Concepción.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization Director guarantees supply for second-doses of Pfizer's and AZ's COVID-19 vaccines. Fourth shipment of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccines received.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Economy highlights positive outlook for exports as demand for commodities increases. Alert over fiscal deficit in pensioners fund. Government will allocate USD 650 million from the IMF to support social programs and labour promotion. Customs office highlights revenue from oils and automotive industry in July.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government issues new sanitary measures to be enforced until August 24th. Asunción leaves red-zone of COVID-19 contagions after a year.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local candidates submitted income and expense reports. Focalized protests from farmers, truck drivers, teacher guilds and medical staff convened throughout the week. Legislators seeking mechanisms to fund "Cero Expense" COVID-19 law, which transfers out-of-pocket expenditure for treating COVID-19 to the State.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism Secretariat highlighted formalization of the sector during the pandemic. ANDE launches payment scheme for focalized users.

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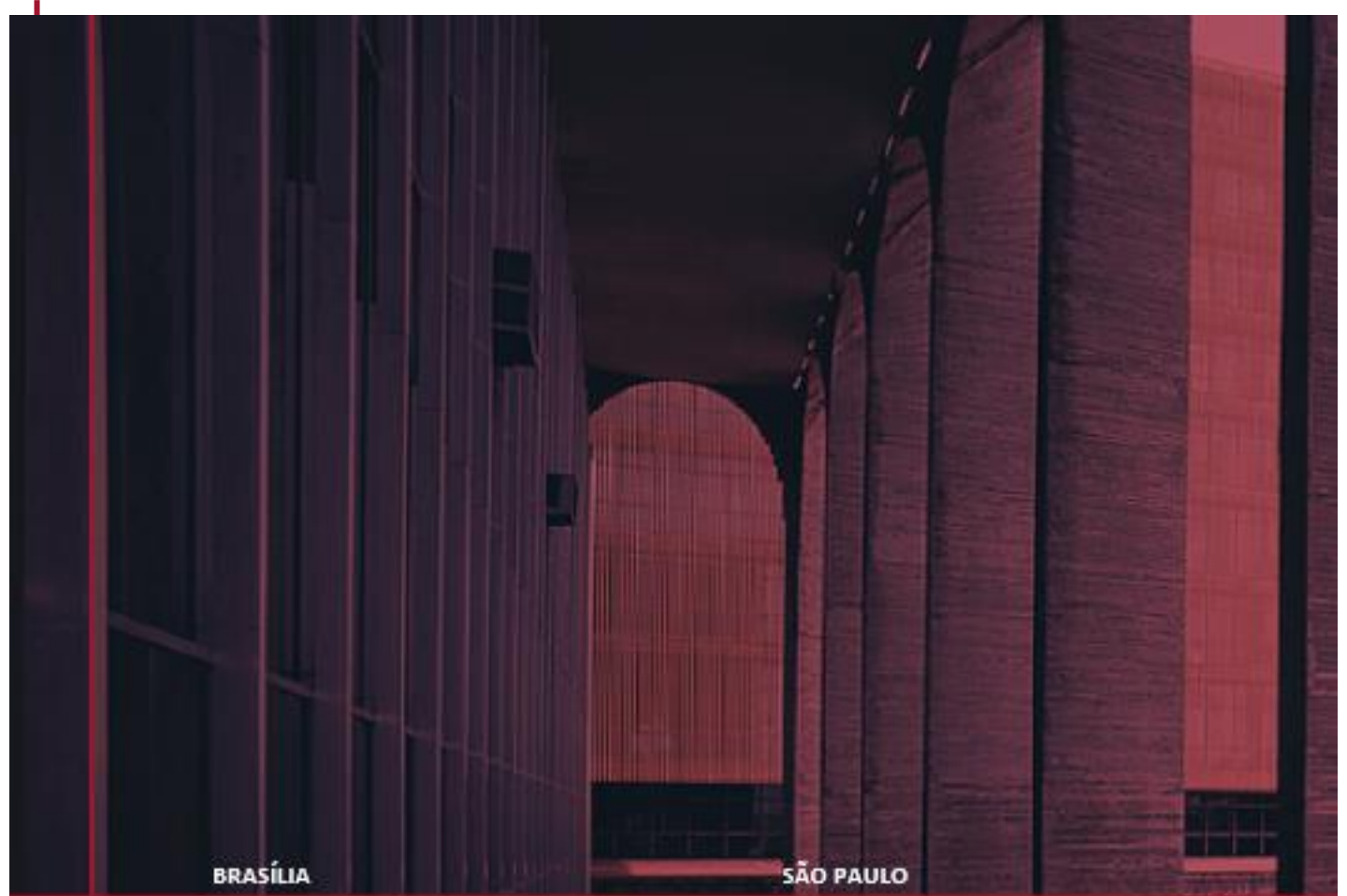
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2,125,345	196,950	-	5,883	44.35

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The president of the Social Health Security (Essalud) announced her resignation at the request of the new government. The Ministry of Health obtained a certification of Good Practice in Public Management 2021. The MoH distributed 852 tons of medical supplies against COVID-19 nationwide and is also accelerating preparations in the event of a third wave of COVID-19.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The General Directorate of Medicines, Supplies and Drugs (DIGEMID) granted a conditional sanitary registration valid for one year to the Sinopharm vaccine. President Pedro Castillo received the first dose of the Sinopharm vaccine. The fifth massive vaccination day will have a delay of 3 or 4 days due to the delay in arrival of vaccines. The president of the Cabinet, Guido Bellido, announced that the arrival of 7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines is being coordinated.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister of Economy met with the president of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru (BCRP) to coordinate economic and monetary policies. The Ministry of Economy announced the measures to deal with rising commodity prices.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister of Economy announced that the fiscal rules that were suspended for the years 2020 and 2021 will be reestablished next year. The Minister of Economy is also expecting to raise taxes on mining without affecting competitiveness.

URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
382,607	5,989	375,077	1,718	140.54

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguay recorded no deaths due to COVID19 (for <u>two</u> consecutive days) for the first time in almost <u>8 months</u>. Study on effectiveness generated by combining Coronavac vaccines with Pfizer vaccines will be conducted, Ministry of Health representative <u>reported</u>.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least two international proposals for vaccine production were <u>received</u> by Presidential Office. <u>Enrollment</u> for the third dose is already open in Uruguay. Uruguay <u>leads</u> the Vaccination Ranking at regional level. At 66% of the population with full vaccination schedules, Uruguay comes first although Chile is very close behind.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government <u>will</u> invest US\$50 million per year in early childhood programs. Ministry of Economy <u>requested</u> the General Assembly to activate a clause that allows the debt ceiling to be raised. This is to address the COVID19 emergency with health and social policies.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of <u>August 15th</u> capacity at public shows and cultural activities will be 60% if control over vaccinated persons is in place. After meeting with the Council of Minister, Government <u>defines</u> border opening today.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government regulations <u>approved</u> in parliament will promote employment for young people, women, people over 45 years of age and people with disabilities. National Administration of Power Plants and Electric Transmissions (UTE) <u>entered</u> into agreements with the San José Department to install electric recharging points. The aim is to promote electric mobility . Due to fuel increase, <i>Un Solo Uruguay</i> group <u>will</u> ask for meeting with President Lacalle Pou. The association has already defined mobilizations in different routes of the country.



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