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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

2021
12|July

SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

2,590,500 confirmed cases
234,969 deaths
39.31 vaccines/100 people

COLOMBIA

4,511,960 confirmed cases
112,826 deaths
41.52 vaccines/100 people

ECUADOR

468,346 confirmed cases
21,830 deaths
31.85 vaccines/100 people

BRAZIL

19,089,940 confirmed cases
533,546 deaths
53.85 vaccines/100 people

PERU

2,080,777 confirmed cases
194,387 deaths
27.09 vaccines/100 people

PARAGUAY

437,719 confirmed cases
13,918 deaths
10.95 vaccines/100 people

BOLIVIA

454,241 confirmed cases
17,219 deaths
22.68 vaccines/100 people

URUGUAY

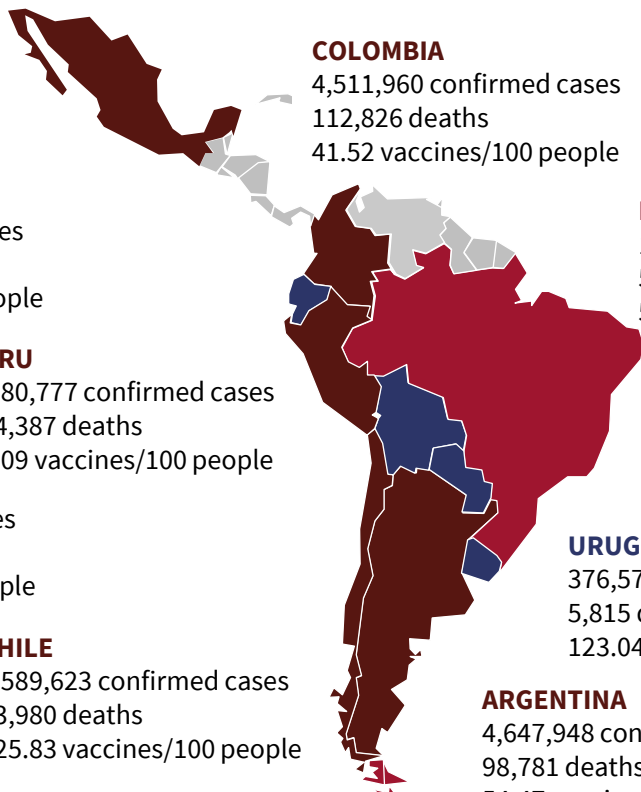
376,579 confirmed cases
5,815 deaths
123.04 vaccines/100 people

CHILE

1,589,623 confirmed cases
33,980 deaths
125.83 vaccines/100 people

ARGENTINA

4,647,948 confirmed cases
98,781 deaths
54.47 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

JULY 06-JULY 12, 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
ARGENTINA	4,647,948	73,608	-56.5%	98,781	1,798	-59%	386,300
BOLIVIA	454,241	7,879	-36.6%	17,219	234	-42%	162,610
BRAZIL	19,089,940	234,925	-45.9%	533,546	6,654	-50%	253,165
CHILE	1,589,623	15,158	-35.0%	33,980	692	-17%	917,461
COLOMBIA	4,511,960	109,378	-55.1%	112,826	2,807	-47%	408,360
ECUADOR	468,346	4,395	-54.3%	21,830	122	-34%	88,341
MEXICO	2,590,500	48,627	34.8%	234,969	1,280	14%	59,407
PARAGUAY	437,719	7,835	-32.2%	13,918	471	-49%	220,289
PERU	2,080,777	14,100	-24.0%	194,387	998	-33%	439,257
URUGUAY	376,579	3,293	-55.6%	5,815	104	-52%	833,310

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 12/07/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: Tensions over protests by the agricultural and livestock sector.

Bolivia: More than 1 million Janssen doses were donated by the US government through the COVAX platform.

Brazil: Investigations into irregular vaccine purchases resulted in record high disapproval of the Bolsonaro administration.

Colombia: New vaccine donations from the US government are expected.

Chile: Government announced new mobility measures for those fully vaccinated.

Ecuador: The government announced a reduction in tariffs for the import of raw materials and machinery.

Mexico: The federal government recognized that Mexico is experiencing its third rebound in COVID-19 cases, while certain states strengthen sanitary protection measures.

Paraguay: While COVID-19 vaccines arrive through direct purchases or cooperation, high-level advisor warns of ongoing frustration with the COVAX mechanism.

Peru: Keiko Fujimori will not accept the victory of elected president Pedro Castillo.

Uruguay: The number of signatures needed to achieve the referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law (LUC) has been achieved.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,647,948	98,781	4,282,904	2,165	54.47

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health authorities presented a collaborative study to evaluate the combination of different vaccines against COVID-19. The study will be conducted in all jurisdictions able to participate. By government decree, workers are required to remain for one year in the health care provider corresponding to their activity before having the option to switch.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argentina led the global vaccination pace ranking during the last week. With new batches arriving, the country is expected to reach 30 million doses received this week. Argentina signed an agreement with Moderna for the purchase of 20 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The prices control program "Precios cuidados" was extended for three months. Aiming to control inflation, its objective is to establish reference values for a basket of products.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buenos Aires city government is reopening a set of subway stations this week. Slight progressive relaxation in the entry of flights into the country was authorized, local press reported.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argentina is close to reaching an agreement with China for to set up pig farms and increase exports. Agricultural and livestock sectors held a massive mobilization against the government's policies for the industry. Opposition leaders from Juntos por el Cambio participated in the protests. Political scandal broke out for alleged shipment of military equipment to Bolivia during protests following the overthrow of Evo Morales in 2019 by the previous government. Authorities of the ruling coalition stated that they will file the corresponding lawsuit.

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
454,241	17,219	380,500	1,455	22.68

Government Measures	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While half a million Sputnik V doses arrived at the country last week, more than 20,000 diagnosis tests were donated by the Russian government. Santa Cruz and La Paz to receive more than 800,000 Janssen doses donated by COVAX-Facility and the US government. According to local press, some vaccination centers in Santa Cruz were forced to close due to the lack of doses in the past weeks.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New tax and financial incentives in the import, and purchase of electric vehicles were announced by the Bolivian government.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Congress will resume sessions after three weeks of recess, among the controversial measures that are going to be discussed in the upcoming weeks, a bill on police promotions and the anti-corruption reform are some of the initiatives in the spotlight. United Nations President, Antonio Guterres, calls for respect and judicial guarantees amid Jeanine Añez's trial. Ricardo Torres appointed as the new president of the Supreme Court of Justice.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolivia presented a stable inflation growth of 0,29% during the first semester of 2021. Lithium and potassium production reached a record high in June, generating over USD \$11 million of income, President Luis Arce informed. According to local press the YPFB state-owned company foresees investments for USD \$800 million in exploration for the upcoming years.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
19,089,940	533,546	17,588,312	2,492	53.85

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pandemic CPI will continue to meet this week to hear from civil servants in the Ministry of Health over the purchase of the Covaxin and AstraZeneca vaccines. The Pandemic CPI will be extended through at least October according to the president of the commission.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than half of the adult population in Brazil has received at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, with the accelerated rollout expecting to reach offer a vaccine to all adults in August. The state government of São Paulo announced that it will begin vaccinating teenagers in August, set to be the first region of the country to provide the vaccine to minors.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congress must approve the Budgetary Guidelines Law (LDO) for 2022 by Friday (16th), or the congressional recess will be postponed. The retirement of Marco Aurélio Mello from the Supreme Court opens a spot for Bolsonaro's second nomination, with the current favorite for the nomination being Attorney General André Mendonça. The investigations into the irregularities in the vaccine purchases have brought President Bolsonaro's approval ratings to their lowest point in his presidency, reopening discussions about possible impeachment.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The debate over tax reform will continue to dominate legislative attention, with new reports on indirect tax structures and the tax on dividends expected to be presented this week. Economic data will be released this week including the results for the service sector in May (13th) and the Central Bank's new GDP predictions (14th).

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,589,623	33,980	1,537,815	1,762	125.83

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several health regulators of different countries in the region including ISP (Chile), COFEPRIS (Mexico), and Anvisa (Brazil) gathered in a virtual meeting to discuss the actions taken amid the pandemic crisis and further solutions for future sanitary calamities. The Medical School (COLMED) will provide technical support during the newly created Constitutional Assembly sessions amid concerns over COVID-19 outbreaks. President Piñera holds a meeting with Andrea Ammon, the director of the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chilean study on the effectiveness of the CoronaVac vaccine was published in The New England Journal of Medicine. Ennio Vivaldi, the president of the University of Chile, spoke about the progress and advances of the ParqueCarén Center that will manufacture domestic vaccines in the country.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Piñera restructured Chile's Paso a Paso reopening plan, which will grant greater mobility benefits to those that have already being fully vaccinated.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chile announced the early closing of four coal power plants amid an outstanding decarbonization process. The country is expecting reaching carbon neutrality by 2050. Government presents Committee of Experts for advice and evaluate employment recovery actions.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chilean government held a meeting with Antony Fauci, US sanitary expert and COVID adviser, to discuss joint solutions and actions to take between both countries amid the sanitary crisis.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experts forecast an additional boost for the national economy and vulnerable sectors as well after the announcement of new reactivation measures.

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,511,960	112,826	4,254,558	2,193	41.52

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public health commission to formulate the Ten-Year Plan that will identify actions to improve public health management in Colombia.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombia has administered more than 20 million doses so far and 8 million people have been fully vaccinated. The government is expecting a new Sinovac shipment with over 2 million doses in the upcoming weeks. United States will donate three more million COVID-19 doses to Colombia, VP Marta Lucia Ramirez announced. Pregnant women eligible for Pfizer vaccines, INVIMA's regulatory agency announced last week.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Duque gathered last week with US representative from the Foreign Relations Committee to discuss the bilateral agenda, economic recovery, the vaccination campaign, and security issues. Guillermo Herrera was appointed as the new Minister of Sports. Herrera will be replacing Ernesto Lucena who was leading the ministry after its creation in late 2019. The government announced the entry into force of life sentences penalties for child rapists. Colombia confirmed that 13 of its ex-soldiers are among suspects in the assassination of Haiti's president Jovenel Moise. Members of the Coalition of Hope will prepare a candidate's list to participate in the next legislative elections.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duque celebrated the arrival of Sergio Diaz Granados, new president elected to head the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF).
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Duque responded IACHR recommendations after a visit to assess allegations of police brutality amid the national strike.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
468,346	21,830	437,167	1,218	31.85

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice-President Borrero to present a report of the public hospital system. Municipal authorities reported that they are defining a comprehensive intervention plan against dengue.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mayor of Guayaquil announced food packages and other incentives for those who get vaccinated. Ecuador's Foreign Minister confirmed that the Sputnik V vaccine will arrive in September. The Ministry of Health is summoning unions and other organized sectors to vaccinate citizens against COVID-19.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passengers from Brazil and India must present a negative PCR test and undergo preventive isolation.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The renegotiation of oil contracts was mandated by President Lasso through Executive Decree 95. The government announced a reduction in tariffs for the import of raw materials and machinery to lower the costs of the productive sector. The Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) approved a USD 200 million loan to finance nutrition projects.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Lasso called for regional cooperation during the Mercosur meeting. The National Assembly rejected the report by former president Moreno for failing to meet goals of the National Development Plan.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC) placed Ecuador in second place in the region for chronic child malnutrition. Colombia and Ecuador agreed to coordinate actions to combat transnational organized crime, particularly on the border area

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,590,500	234,969	2,041,418	1,803	39.31

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNOPS assured they have delivered more than 40 million medicines to 5 health institutions in Mexico so far. • The National Council of Science and Technology and the National Chamber of the Pharmaceutical Industry signed an agreement for a joint investment of public and private resources to promote initiatives that improve health. • Mexico City expects a new peak of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 between July and August. • The federal government recognized that Mexico is experiencing its third rebound in COVID-19 cases, while certain states strengthen sanitary protection measures.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pfizer will decrease its volume of vaccine delivery to Mexico for two weeks. • The Secretary of Foreign Relations reported that they are interested in bringing three more vaccines from Italy, France and Cuba.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President AMLO announced the creation of <i>Gas Bienestar</i>, a state company in charge of distributing gas at competitive prices.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President AMLO rejected the "interventionist" policies on the situation in Cuba and offered humanitarian help. • President AMLO held a meeting with the elected governors from opposing parties. • President AMLO held a meeting with Democratic and Republican senators from the United States. • Video showing one of AMLO's brother receiving money has prompted a scandal.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bank of Mexico reported that the pace of the economic recovery has "moderated" and is still "incomplete".

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
437,719	13,918	393,333	1,927	10.95

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Health highlights less pressure on the health system as confirmed cases of COVID-19 are decreasing. Minister of Health commented that over 200 requests from private companies to procure COVID-19 vaccines were received, but so far none has been approved. High-level advisor to the President stresses frustration with COVAX mechanism over delays.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and adolescents with comorbidities included in the COVID-19 vaccination plan with Pfizer doses. Government to hire staff to meet vaccination demands. Vaccination of essential workers underway. Government will investigate companies that deny leaves of absence for workers scheduled to be vaccinated. Vaccination plan receives a boost with the arrival of over 1 million doses of vaccines. Vaccination halted for two days to focus on logistical efforts to take vaccines to rural areas.
Outlook	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Sanitary Surveillance outlines complicated scenario for the return of on-site schools. Meanwhile, he also suggests re-opening of massive events to be done with either vaccination cards or proof of negative COVID-19 tests.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political parties must submit their expenditure report on political campaigns by the end of the month. Business representative comments that the former Minister of Health avoided to negotiate the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines with Pfizer. In MERCOSUR summit, President Abdo calls for joint efforts directed towards economic recovery and job creation.

PERU

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,080,777	194,387	-	5,813	27.09

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field validation of the country's first portable molecular laboratory began. The Technical Document for strengthening the response capacity in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic was approved, as well as a response plan for the second and possible third wave.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An urgency decree to facilitate and guarantee the acquisition, conservation and distribution of COVID vaccines was published. President Sagasti led the signing of the agreement between the Ministry of Health and Southern Peru, for the implementation of vaccinations posts in mining areas. The use of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine was authorized. The Ministry of Health was allowed to sign contracts with the private sector to finance or collaborate with the the acquisition of vaccines.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government extended for a month the state of emergency due to the pandemic. The Ministry of Transport modified the requirements to be met by passengers arriving by air transport.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Elections Jury plans to proclaim the president-elect in the middle of this month. Right-wing candidate, Keiko Fujimori, affirmed that she will not accept the victory of elected president Pedro Castillo. A commission in Congress approved the constitutional complaint against former Minister of Health, Víctor Zamora, for his management during the pandemic. Elected congresswoman from Peru Libre confirmed Hernando Cevallos will be the next Minister of Health.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Sagasti indicated that the country's economy might experience growth close to 10% in 2021.

URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
376,579	5,815	363,544	1,668	123.04

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average number of deaths and COVID19 cases per day declined over the last week. The Executive authorized pharmacies and laboratories to test for COVID-19 antigens.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While immunosuppressed patients will receive a third dose, the government is also analyzing the application of a third dose to those vaccinated with Sinovac, local press reported. Uruguay received a donation of 500,000 Pfizer vaccines from the US.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Ministry and the Commission for eradication of unhealthy rural housing (MEVIR) will provide support to small rural producers for infrastructure works, presidential portal reported.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to on-site attendance in high school and technical education began. Municipality of Montevideo extended bar hours and reopened museums, casinos and cultural venues.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguayan authorities stated the country will begin to negotiate trade agreements outside MERCOSUR. With almost 800,000 signatures submitted, the number of signatures needed to achieve the referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law (LUC) has been surpassed. Whereas it is one of the government's strategic laws, the Electoral Commission must now validate them, and afterwards call for a referendum.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguay becomes the first country in the region to be chosen by Volkswagen to implement a test phase for 100% electric cars.

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