

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

#### **MEXICO**

3,918,216 confirmed cases 296,672 deaths 50.78% fully vaccinated

# COLOMBIA 5,093,534 confirmed cases 129,107 deaths 50.80% fully vaccinated

#### **ECUADOR**

533,190 confirmed cases33,558 deaths64.30% fully vaccinated

#### **PERU**

2,251,027 confirmed cases 201,650 deaths 58.50% fully vaccinated

#### **BOLIVIA**

553,108 confirmed cases 19,317 deaths 36.47% fully vaccinated

#### **CHILE**

1,784,165 confirmed cases 38,716 deaths 84.44% fully vaccinated

#### **BRAZIL**

22,189,867 confirmed cases 616,941 deaths 66.15% fully vaccinated

#### **PARAGUAY**

463,755 confirmed cases 16,505 deaths 38.35% fully vaccinated

#### **URUGUAY**

402,509 confirmed cases 6,145 deaths 76.48% fully vaccinated

#### **ARGENTINA**

5,358,455 confirmed cases 116,771 deaths 67.94% fully vaccinated

#### **CASES BY COUNTRY**

Between 100K and 500K

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Between 1M and 5M

Between 500k and 1M

More than 5M



## **COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE**

DECEMBER 06- DECEMBER 13, 2021

#### **COVID-19 CASE EVOLUTION: THIS WEEK'S DATA**

		CASES			DEATHS		TESTS
COUNTRY	TOTAL	NEW	W-O-W INCREASE (%)	TOTAL	NEW	W-O-W INCREASE (%)	X -MILION
ARGENTINA	5,358,455	15,302	-8.4%	116,771	91	-40%	582,728
BOLIVIA	553,108	8,442	3.0%	19,317	70	-19%	218,939
BRAZIL	22,189,867	42,391	-36.3%	616,941	1,152	-22%	296,989
CHILE	1,784,165	10,117	-20.2%	38,716	185	-2%	1,363,994
COLOMBIA	5,093,534	10,772	-38.1%	129,107	286	-26%	554,036
<b>ECUADOR</b>	533,190	3,841	-21.9%	33,558	74	-79%	113,897
MEXICO	3,918,216	16,201	-10.9%	296,672	1,360	-4%	92,214
<b>PARAGUAY</b>	463,755	328	-30.4%	16,505	26	63%	272,927
PERU	2,251,027	5,881	-46.9%	201,650	229	-27%	617,020
URUGUAY	402,509	1,406	-19.9%	6,145	9	29%	1,206,611

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 13/12/2021 I 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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### **COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

Argentina: Government launches "Health Pass" for vaccinated people

**Bolivia:** Government announced to rollout COVID-19 vaccines for children between 5 and 11 years old.

#### **Brazil:**

**Colombia:** International travelers to present their vaccination certificate upon entering the country.

Chile: Government ruled out extending the emergency family income (IFE) until March.

**Ecuador:** The Minister of Health announced a massive purchase of medicines to supply both the Ministry of Public Health and the Ecuadorian Social Security Institute (IESS).

**Mexico:** President AMLO led the start of the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Campaign for senior citizens.

Paraguay: Ministry of Health will intensify house-to-house vaccination in Alto Paraná.

**Peru:** Peru exceeded 70% of the target population vaccinated with two doses.

**Uruguay:** After validating 671,631 signatures, the Electoral Court authorized the referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law (LUC).



## **ARGENTINA**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,358,455	116,771	5,216,007	2,550	67.94%

	Health	<ul> <li>Four cases of Omicron variant were <u>detected</u> in Cordoba Province. They are linked to a traveler who arrived in the country on December 2 from Dubai.</li> <li>Health Ministry authorities <u>introduced</u> progress made in the National Medicines Policy. Progress in the reimplementation of reference prices, prescription of medicines by generic name and agreements to improve access to high prices medicines were emphasized.</li> <li>Health Minister <u>met</u> with private health care providers and agreed to set up operational working groups to reach a consensus on a comprehensive health care plan.</li> </ul>
Government	Economic	Government <u>announced</u> a relaxation of restrictions on meat exports in 2022. Rural sector welcomed the measure.
Measures	Country Opening	<ul> <li>Several border crossings to <u>Uruguay</u> and <u>Paraguay</u> were opened. Crossings to Brazil <u>would</u> open next week.</li> <li>Government <u>launches</u> the "Health Pass" for vaccinated people. It will be required from January 1st for all for all people engaged in activities considered to be of epidemiological risk.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul> <li>Economy Minister goes to the Chamber of Deputies to explain the 2022 Budget Bill.</li> <li>Government seeks to approve the 2022 Budget to provide predictability amid negotiations with the IMF, local press reported. The IMF acknowledged progress in negotiations and agreements on the need to reduce inflation and increase investments.</li> <li>The MERCOSUR Presidents' Summit will be held this week, where the pro tempore presidency of the bloc will be transferred to Paraguay.</li> <li>The Government celebrated Democracy Day with a mobilization, two years after the beginning of its government.</li> </ul>



## **BOLIVIA**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
553,108	19,317	504,507	1,623	36.47%

	Health	<ul> <li>President Arce <u>shared</u> experiences on primary health care at a high-level meeting to celebrate Universal Health Day. At the event, PAHO's officials highlighted Bolivia's efforts on the matter.</li> <li>Medical equipment and biosafety supplies were <u>delivered</u> to the department of Oruro last week. Similar actions have been made in other departments around the country as a measure to control the arrival of new variants and COVID-19 outbreaks.</li> </ul>
Government Measures	Vaccine Rollout	<ul> <li>During December, Bolivia will receive more than 6 million vaccines. On December 6, 228,000 doses of AstraZeneca will be arriving, and the government is expecting an additional 3 million Sinopharm vaccines, donated by the Republic of China. Other countries such as France, Spain, and Argentina will be donating vaccine doses as well.</li> <li>Government announced to rollout COVID-19 vaccines for 5 to 11 years old as of December 9. The Sinopharm vaccine will be used to inoculate this specific age group.</li> </ul>
	Economic	Over USD \$12 million were <u>allocated</u> to provide road infrastructure amid the rainy season.
	Political	President Arce <u>congratulated</u> Honduras' President-elect Xiomara Castro last week.
Outlook	Economic	<ul> <li>Between January and October 2021, textile exports grew 16% compared to the same period in 2020, reaching USD \$21 million according to President Luis Arce.</li> <li>Bolivia registered a record trade surplus as of October, the highest in seven years according to the government. Exports increased up to USD \$ 9,008 million and imports to USD \$ 7,424 million, leaving a trade surplus of US \$ 1,584 million.</li> </ul>



## **BRAZIL**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
22,189,867	616,941	21,414,318	2,873	65.15%

	Health	<ul> <li>Brazil has <u>recorded</u> eleven confirmed cases of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus, although it is believed that more cases are present in the country.</li> <li>The Joint Budget Committee <u>approved</u> a BRL \$9 billion increase to the Ministry of Health's budget in 2022.</li> </ul>
Government Measures	Vaccine Rollout	<ul> <li>Records and vaccine data were <u>recovered</u> by the Ministry of Health after a cyberattack against the ministry's online platform.</li> <li>65.2% of the population is now fully <u>vaccinated</u>, while 9.5% of the population has received a booster dose.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	<ul> <li>The STF <u>ruled</u> that vaccine passports are mandatory for foreign travelers seeking to enter Brazil.</li> <li>The Executive is <u>attempting</u> to promote a five-day quarantine and a negative test as an alternative to a vaccine passport in exceptional circumstances.</li> </ul>
	Political	<ul> <li>The House and Senate <u>remain</u> at an impasse over how to pass the Judicial Debt Parallel PEC, with the Senate preferring open fiscal space linked to health and welfare expenditures.</li> <li>The MERCOSUR Summit, meant to be held in person in Brazil, was <u>moved</u> online, possibly due to Bolsonaro's discontent over Lula's reception in Argentina.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Economic	<ul> <li>The Senate and House plan to vote upon the 2022 Budget Law on Friday (17) to outline the government's spending for the next year.</li> <li>Despite disappointing indicators of low economic growth, the Central Bank is committing to pursuing contractionary monetary policy in 2022.</li> <li>Inflation indicators for November were below expectations, a sign that the high interest rate cycle may be successfully reigning in inflationary pressures.</li> </ul>



# **CHILE**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL CASES TOTAL DEATHS		DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
1,784,165	38,716	1,685,042	2,000	84.44%

	Health	<ul> <li>Ministry of Health officially <u>presented</u> the National Cancer Commission.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul> <li>Undersecretary of Health to <u>analyze</u> the Vaccine Advisory Committee report on mandatory inoculation, local press reported.</li> </ul>
Government Measures	Economic	<ul> <li>Government ruled out <u>extending</u> the emergency family income (IFE) until March.</li> <li>Opposition representatives <u>proposed</u> a permanent emergency income for the elderly and people with disabilities.</li> <li>President Piñera <u>announced</u> a bill to raise the basic pension received by low-income people, exceeding the poverty line for the first time. The so-called Universal Guaranteed Pension will be added to the self-financed pension and will benefit around 2.3 million Chileans.</li> </ul>
	Political	<ul> <li>Far right-wing candidate Jose Antonio Kast <u>presented</u> his political plan a few days before the runoff. According to Kast, few modifications were made compared to the previous one.</li> <li>Boric's program aims to <u>raise</u> around USD \$ 15 billion if he wins the presidency.</li> <li>Over 45% of young people <u>expect</u> changes in the country, but with "order and stability", according to poll.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Economic	<ul> <li>Unemployment rate of foreigners in Chile <u>decreased</u> by 6.4% in 12 months, according to a report developed by the national migration service.</li> <li>Codelco is among the most <u>valued</u> mining companies in the country, Merco's business index published last week.</li> <li>Experts <u>released</u> their growth projections for 2022. Finance Minister Rodrigo Cerda expects the economy to expand between 3 and 4% next year.</li> <li>Copper price <u>rises</u> due to China's economic stimulus and less concern about omicron variant.</li> </ul>



## **COLOMBIA**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL CASES TOTAL DEATHS		DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,093,534	129,107	4,933,825	2,499	50.80%

	Health	<ul> <li>A special commission for indigenous communities was <u>announced</u> amid the Ten-Year Health Plan conversations.</li> <li>Health authorities <u>advances</u> in updating the pharmaceutical pricing policies.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	Over 60 million doses have been <u>applied</u> throughout the country and 25.8 million people are already fully vaccinated, according to President Ivan Duque.
Government Measures	Economic	<ul> <li>PAEF social aids will be <u>open</u> until December 16, for micro and small companies with a maximum of 50 workers, government announced last week.</li> <li>A contract to make a USD \$980 million contingency pay-out to EPM company and boost the construction of Colombia's Hidroituango dam was <u>signed</u> last week.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	<ul> <li>From December 14, all international travelers who enter the country must be fully vaccinated and <u>present</u> their COVID- 19 vaccination certificate, Ministry of Health announced.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul> <li>President Duque <u>participated</u> in the Summit for Democracy making an urgent call on reinforcing multilateral actions in the region and beyond.</li> <li>Several actions to protect threatened social leaders and rural communities were <u>announced</u> at the ceremony to commemorate International Human Rights Day.</li> <li>President Duque <u>participated</u> at the US Colombia Task Force organized by the Atlantic Council.</li> <li>Law that creates the Ministry of Science was <u>sanctioned</u> by the government.</li> </ul>
	Economic	Emirates and Etihad airlines will <u>begin</u> operations in Colombia after an agreement made amid the diplomatic visit of the Colombian government to United Arab Emirates last month.



# **ECUADOR**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
533,190	33,558	443,880	1,861	64.30%

Government Measures	Health	<ul> <li>The Minister of Health <u>announced</u> a massive purchase of medicines to supply both the Ministry of Public Health (MSP) and the Ecuadorian Social Security Institute (IESS).</li> <li>The Ministry of Health <u>led</u> a work-table on tobacco control.</li> <li>The Government <u>assigned</u> economic resources to the MoH to cover pending payments with dialyzers.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul> <li>The Ministry of Finance <u>announced</u> two new loans for USD 325 million with the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) to strengthen the vaccination plan.</li> <li>A massive vaccination campaign was <u>carried</u> out in the 24 provinces of the country.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	To avoid spread of the new omicron variant of COVID-19, epidemiological surveillance staff has been <u>increased</u> in the Guayaquil airport.
	Economic	<ul> <li>President Lasso will <u>announce</u> in upcoming days the new Unified Basic Salary.</li> <li>Ecuador's trade agenda <u>bets</u> on international agreements to boost exports.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul> <li>The National Assembly <u>resumed</u> the debate on the investigation of President Lasso and the so-called Pandora Papers.</li> <li>President Guillermo Lasso <u>announced</u> that in 2022 an international anti-corruption commission will be installed.</li> </ul>
	Economic	As president pro tempore of the Andean Community,     President Lasso <u>met</u> with the European Council.
	Social	<ul> <li>President Lasso <u>delivered</u> radio frequencies to eleven Amazonian indigenous communities.</li> <li>The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is <u>working</u> with several countries to obtain financing to meet the needs of migrants and refugees.</li> </ul>



## **MEXICO**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
3,918,216	296,672	3,273,260	2,267	50.78%

Government Measures	Health	<ul> <li>The Health Secretariat <u>reported</u> a 90% decrease in the occupation of hospital beds for COVID-19 patients at a national level.</li> <li>The Health Institute for Well-being (INSABI) <u>delivered</u> 10 mobile medical units to the state of Guerrero and <u>installed</u> a Sanitary Emergencies Operational Command.</li> <li>The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) <u>warned</u> about the falsification of five medicines.</li> <li>Nayarit will be the first state where the Armed Forces <u>deliver</u> medicines directly to hospitals in remote communities.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul> <li>According to the Foreign Affairs Secretariat, Mexico has the necessary doses for the COVID-19 vaccination booster.</li> <li>President AMLO led the start of the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Campaign for Older Adults.</li> </ul>
	Economic	The third and final stage of implementation of the Labor Justice Reform has <u>begun</u> .
Outlook	Political	<ul> <li>The government <u>presented</u> before the G20 President AMLO's "World Welfare Plan".</li> <li>President AMLO <u>stated</u> that his government is following up on the initiative of President Biden to regularize 11 million migrants in the United States.</li> <li>The Government Secretary <u>met</u> with members of opposing parties.</li> </ul>
	Social	An Immediate Action Group was <u>installed</u> by the Foreign Affairs Secretariat and other countries in the continent to address human trafficking.



## **PARAGUAY**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
463,755	16,505	446,598	2,274	38.35%

Government Measures	Health	<ul> <li>Senepa and municipalities take action in the fight against dengue.</li> <li>Executive adjusts measures against COVID-19 until December 21</li> <li>Ministry of Health announces that Alto Paraná and Caaguazú are the departments with the highest rate of COVID-19 infections</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul> <li>Ministry of Health will intensify house-to-house <u>vaccination</u> in Alto Paraná.</li> <li>Supermarkets deliver gift <u>kits</u> to COVID-19 vaccinated people as part of new incentive program.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	<ul> <li>Restaurants will comply with <u>sanitary</u> protocol and urge customers to adhere to the measures</li> <li>Government established capacity of 100% for <u>social events</u>, with anti-covid vaccination and testing requirements.</li> <li>Two new border <u>crossings</u> between Argentina and Paraguay are enabled for people with a complete vaccination scheme.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul> <li>Abdo met with <u>leader</u> of the PP of Spain to promote alliance in defense of democracy.</li> <li>Paraguay and Brazil inaugurate work of <u>Biocenaean</u> Route as President Abdo highlights high expectation generated by this project.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul> <li>Economic activity grew 5.3% in the first 10 months of the year, according to the Paraguayan Central Bank.</li> <li>Petropar reduces the price of <u>fuels</u> by between PYG 150 and 250 until the end of the month.</li> <li>Total exports <u>reached</u> US\$ 13,000 million as of November 2021.</li> <li>The Paraguayan Embassy in Chile supports the creation of a Binational <u>Economic</u> Council of businessmen to strengthen trade relations</li> </ul>



# **PERU**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
2,251,027	201,650	-	5,995	58.50%

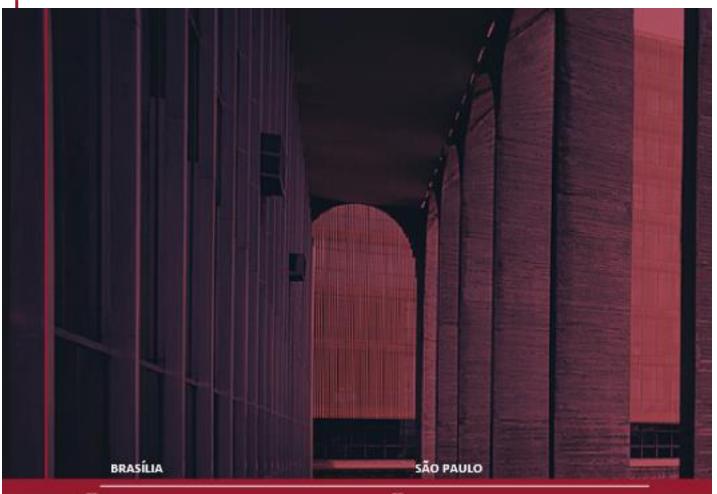
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	Health	<ul> <li>Government to invest USD 85.9 million to strengthen epidemiological, laboratory and health intelligence surveillance in the country.</li> <li><u>Digemid</u> collects more than two tons of expired medicines across the country.</li> <li>Ministry of Health deploys preventive campaigns nationwide as part of <u>Oral</u> Health Week.</li> </ul>
Government Measures	Vaccine Rollout	<ul> <li>Ministry of Health continues to strengthen vaccination strategies through care <u>centers</u> that work 36 hours in a row.</li> <li>Peru exceeded 70% of the target population <u>vaccinated</u> with two doses.</li> </ul>
	Country Opening	<ul> <li>Ministry of Health <u>supervises</u> the admission of people over 18 years of age to establishments with a vaccination card.</li> <li><u>Government</u> establishes completed vaccination against COVID-19 to enter a closed public space.</li> </ul>
Outlook	Political	<ul> <li>Legislators of Perú Libre proposed a project against the mandatory vaccination card.</li> <li>Popular Renewal Party will present a motion of censure against the Minister of Education.</li> <li>The Purple Party caucus presented a project seeking that the President of the Republic can be accused of criminal organization and corruption of officials.</li> <li>President Castillo requests to postpone his summon before the Attorney General's Office, as part of the investigation for alleged pressures on the promotions of the Armed Forces.</li> </ul>
	Economic	<ul> <li>Minister of Labor declares that the minimum wage increase will be discussed in 2022 with a technical approach.</li> <li>The Peruvian Government received the International Award for 101-Year Bond Issuance.</li> </ul>
	Social	President Pedro Castillo announces social investment of USD 1,232,741 in 2022 to serve <u>vulnerable</u> population.



## **URUGUAY**

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
402,509	6,145	394,078	1,760	76.48%

	Health	<ul> <li>According to the Ministry of Health, 55% of the total number of Delta variable cases up to October had received two doses of vaccine against COVID-19.</li> <li>Health Minister stated that Uruguay is negotiating to have priority in Merck's pill against COVID-19.</li> <li>House of Representatives to address palliative care bill this week.</li> </ul>
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul> <li>With 90% of vaccinated, Maldonado municipality reached a record number in Uruguay, local press reported.</li> </ul>
Government Measures Outlook	Economic	<ul> <li>The National Administration of Power Plants and Electric Transmissions (UTE) will grant benefits to new constructions with efficient electric installations.</li> </ul>
	Country opening	<ul> <li>Minister of Tourism <u>advocated</u> for total opening of borders in the region to improve tourism.</li> <li>International land transportation between Argentina and Uruguay <u>resumed</u>. All border crossings were enabled.</li> <li>Chancellor Bustillo met with his Argentine counterpart in Buenos Aires. They agreed to promote the "normalization" of border crossings, local press <u>reported</u>.</li> </ul>
	Political	<ul> <li>After validating 671,631 signatures, the Electoral Court authorized the referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law (LUC). According to local press, the Referendum would be held in March 2022.</li> <li>Regarding the referendum, polls reported by local media revealed that 48% would opt to maintain the LUC, while 33% would opt to repeal it.</li> </ul>
	Social	<ul> <li>According to <u>INE</u>, poverty level is 10.2% in the first half of 2021. This means a reduction of 50 thousand people (1.4%) compared to the 2020 average.</li> </ul>



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