

SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

4,368,314 confirmed cases 301,410 deaths 55.92% fully vaccinated

COLOMBIA 5,568,068 confirmed cases 131,130 deaths 58.18% fully vaccinated

ECUADOR

614,032 confirmed cases 34,219 deaths 73.01% fully vaccinated

PERU

2,606,126 confirmed cases 203,464 deaths 66.21% fully vaccinated

BOLIVIA

749,070 confirmed cases 20,238 deaths 41.44% fully vaccinated

CHILE

1,885,540 confirmed cases 39,426 deaths 87.25% fully vaccinated

BRAZIL

23,074,791 confirmed cases 621,166 deaths 68.36% fully vaccinated

PARAGUAY

501,189 confirmed cases 16,821deaths 42.17% fully vaccinated

URUGUAY

512,841 confirmed cases6,243 deaths77.03% fully vaccinated

ARGENTINA

7,197,323 confirmed cases 118,231 deaths 74.07% fully vaccinated

CASES BY COUNTRY

Between 100K and 500K

0K

Between 1M and 5M

Between 500k and 1M

More than 5M



COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

JANUARY 10 – JANUARY 17, 2022

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	7,197,323	798,127	13.3%	118,231	688	103%	670,976
BOLIVIA	749,070	63,047	-15.9%	20,238	239	-14%	222,616
BRAZIL	23,074,791	516,096	93.7%	621,166	1,024	5%	296,789
CHILE	1,885,540	48,150	84.5%	39,426	137	18%	1,473,082
COLOMBIA	5,568,068	210,301	19.1%	131,130	735	99%	602,722
ECUADOR	614,032	49,265	221.0%	34,219	513	1952%	121,161
MEXICO	4,368,314	231,874	59.0%	301,410	998	15%	100,291
PARAGUAY	501,189	21,218	93.3%	16,821	137	191%	298,784
PERU	2,606,126	217,837	150.1%	203,464	367	3%	691,523
URUGUAY	512,841	56,662	38.4%	6,243	44	83%	1,376,103

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 17/01/2022 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: Despite price control programs being put in place, December inflation reached 3.8% and 2021 closed with an increase of 50.9%.

Bolivia: Government confirms the presence of Omicron variant amid a rise on COVID-19 cases.

Colombia: Government announced new guidelines to control Omicron expansion.

Chile: Fourth booster shot advances, but concerns increases over new COVID-19 spike.

Ecuador: The Ministry of Health detected underreporting and updated data on COVID-19 infections and deaths.

Mexico: President AMLO will receive the US Secretary of Energy to address the energy reform.

Paraguay: Health Emergency bill advances in congress.

Peru: Presidents of Peru and Colombia sign agreement to strengthen trade, investment and security.

Uruguay: Government authorized residents to enter the country in private cars despite being infected with COVID-19



ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
7,197,323	118,231	6,193,473	2,580	74.07%

	Health	 Ministry of Health and Ministry of Science signed cooperation agreement to strengthen health research. Psychopharmaceuticals for Mental Health Care incorporated into the basic first level health care kit. The recommendation of not isolating by COVID-19 close contact if the person has a recent complete vaccination schedule (three doses) was agreed upon.
	Vaccine Rollout	ANMAT <u>clarifies</u> that COVID19 vaccines do not contain graphene.
Government Measures	Economic	 President Alberto Fernández <u>announced</u> the new stage of the price control program "Precios Cuidados". Through a new agreement with companies, the new program includes a list of 1,321 products with prices that cannot be freely fixed.
	Country Opening	Amidst a new COVID-19 wave, the European Union <u>removed</u> Argentina from the list of countries with no travel restrictions.
	Political	 Alberto Fernandez travels to Russia in February to meet with Vladimir Putin. They will talk about collaboration on the vaccine, local press <u>reported</u>.
Outlook	Economic	 Public hearings to define increases in gas tariffs 2022 begin. December inflation reached 3.8% and 2021 closed with an increase of 50.9%. Amid heat wave, several power outages were recorded in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area. New survey shows that six out of ten Argentines do not approve Alberto Fernandez's administration, local press reported.



BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
749,070	20,238	590,186	1,698	41.44%

Government Measures	Health	 Government <u>delivered</u> essential medicines and COVID-19 medical supplies to Chuquisaca city amid a new outbreak of cases. MoH <u>authorizes</u> COVID-19 tests from certified laboratories for medical discharges of positive cases. Remote access to telehealth services was <u>provided</u> for 118 new municipalities and rural communities. Bolivia <u>reports</u> a sharp increase of COVID-19 cases after the Minister Jeyson Auza <u>confirmed</u> the presence of omicron in the country.
	Vaccine Rollout	 Bolivia has <u>acquired</u> over 22.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, of which 11 million have been administered so far. In the last seven days, new daily COVID-19 cases reached a record high after <u>surpassing</u> an average rate of more than 9,000 cases. Over 144,000 antigen diagnostic tests were <u>delivered</u> to local health centers around the country amid shortages concerns.
Outlook	Political	 Vice-president David Choquehuanca <u>tested</u> positive for COVID-19 along with other six more ministers. This represents 37% of the cabinet, made up of 16 officials.
	Economic	Bolivia's Central Bank <u>reaffirmed</u> the ban on cryptocurrencies to avoid "possible frauds".



BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
23,074,791	621,166	21,710,831	2,891	68.36%

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	Health	 COVID-19 cases have <u>risen</u> rapidly, from approximately 8,000 per day at the start of January to nearly 70,000 daily as of January 16th. Brazil is <u>facing</u> testing problems during the Omicron surge, with the government considering the distribution of at home tests.
Government Measures	Vaccine Rollout	 The vaccination of children between the ages of 5 and 11 began on January 17th after conflict between the Bolsonaro administration and ANVISA. The Minister of Health, Marcelo Queiroga, spoke out about the importance of booster doses, which have so far been distributed to 16.7 million people.
	Country Opening	 Governors in some states <u>reintroduced</u> sanitary restrictions, with Bahia beginning to require a vaccine certificate for public transportation.
	Political	 The movement for salary adjustments for civil servants will hold a week of protests, creating a worrying impasse for Bolsonaro during an election year. Bolsonaro will take his first international trip of the year on January 20th to Guyana and Suriname to dicuss an energy agenda between the two countries and the Brazilian state of Roraima.
Outlook	Economic	 Positive economic indicators over the last week demonstrated growth in the Brazilian GDP in November along with positive signs in China, Brazil's largest trading partner. The spending cap is becoming a key topic in the 2022 elections, with some candidates arguing the rule has lost its efficacy, while others like João Doria promise to reform the rule to bring back investor confidence.



CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL CASES TOTAL DEATHS		DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
1,885,540	39,426	1,751,130	2,036	87.25%

	Health	 Results of the first report on Premature Deaths from Cancer were <u>presented</u> by health authorities signaling challenges moving forward.
	Vaccine Rollout	 New COVID-19 shipments from <u>AstraZeneca</u> and <u>Pfizer-Biontech</u> arrived in the country last week.
Government Measures	Economic	 Authorities <u>announced</u> new lithium contracts amid political turmoil. Despite requests from president-elect Gabriel Boric were made for the auction to be delayed, the country awarded two of five contracts on offer to a Chinese and local company. Chile's lower chamber <u>approved</u> wealth tax to finance pension reform. The latter is meant to be one of the legislative priorities before the end of Congress sessions in late January. In the Atacama region, Piñera <u>inaugurated</u> a new desalination plant to address water shortages.
Outlook	Political	 An official request by members of the constitutional assembly to extend popular initiatives deadline was presented. Currently, over seven proposals have been introduced before the convention. President-elect Gabriel Boric appointed human rights and indigenous expert Matias Meza-Lopehandia as his cabinet chief. Currently, Meza-Lopehandia is working as a researcher at the Chilean Congress Library. Gabriel Boric was officially proclaimed as Chilean president-elect by TRICEL. Boric will take office on March 11. New Gun Control Law enacted by President Piñera.
	Economic	 Business leaders <u>agree</u> to collaborate with Gabriel Boric in the construction of fiscal policies. Bank debt level <u>fell</u> 13.6% in 2021 as a result of tax aid and pension withdrawals, according to a CMF report. Economic experts <u>analyze</u> the viability to create a national lithium company.



COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL CASES TOTAL DEATHS		DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,568,068	131,130	5,258,204	2,535	58.18%

	Health	Ministry of Health <u>provided</u> a partial adjustment of the maximum budget.
Government	Vaccine Rollout	 Over 67 million doses have been <u>administered</u> in the country amid a new COVID-19 outbreak. Government <u>announced</u> new timeframes between primary doses and the booster dose.
Measures	Economic	 Ecuador, Costa Rica, Panamá, and Colombia <u>signed</u> an agreement that creates the <i>Reserva Hermandad</i> and incorporates the Galapagos Islands into the largest marine protected area in the world. Government <u>announced</u> the first 20-year TES bond in pesos. TES are the second-largest source of government revenue, after tax collection.
Outlook	Political	 Increase in troops <u>announced</u> by President Duque, after controversy over the presence of ELN guerrilla members in the municipality of Arauca, at the eastern side of the country. Iván Duque <u>met</u> with former US president Bill Clinton to address issues on climate change and migration. Colombia and Peru <u>celebrated</u> the 6th Binational Cabinet. Over 85% of the goals stipulated in the last cabinet meeting have been accomplished as other new objectives were established on other fronts such as border reopening, economic support, and COVID-19 vaccination. President Ivan Duque <u>receives</u> new Ambassadors credentials. Center-right candidate Juan Carlos Echeverry, <u>steps down</u> from the presidential race two months before primary elections.
	Economic	• According to the figures of <i>Confecamaras</i> , between January and December, over 307,679 new companies were <u>created</u> , an increase of 10.6% compared to 2020.



ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL CASES TOTAL DEATHS		DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
614,032	34,219	-	1,895	73.01%

Government Measures	Health	 More than 150 pharmacies nationwide were <u>inspected</u> by the National Agency for Health Regulation, Control and Surveillance (ARCSA). The Ministry of Health <u>assured</u> citizens that RT-PCR and antigen tests are free in public establishments. The Ministry of Health <u>detected</u> underreporting and updated data on COVID-19 infections and deaths More than 5.1 million units of medicine were <u>distributed</u> in nine areas of the country
	Vaccine Rollout	More vaccination sites against COVID-19 were <u>enabled</u> .
	Economic	The Ministry of Economy <u>transferred</u> USD 24.8 million to finance the country's decentralized autonomous governments.
	Political	 President Lasso will <u>visit</u> China to renegotiate debt. President Lasso <u>stated</u> his rejection to the position of the indigenous leader of the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (CONAIE). The United States Embassy in Ecuador <u>revoked</u> the visas of several Ecuadorian judges.
Outlook	Economic	 The Government <u>plans</u> to issue bonds in the international market to obtain financing in the first quarter of 2022. The Promotion of Investment Draft Law is <u>expected</u> to be ready at the end of January.
	Social	 The Government will <u>integrate</u> task groups to detect early warnings of corruption in the ten most sensitive sectors. The United Workers Front is <u>evaluating</u> the sanitary conditions to continue with its national protest on January 19.



MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
4,368,314	301,410	3,443,884	2,301	55.92%

	Health	 President AMLO <u>reported</u> that the purchase of the oral drugs Molnupiravir and Paxlovid to treat COVID-19 has already been ordered. President AMLO is <u>considering</u> the return of the evening conferences on COVID-19 headed by Under Secretary Lopez-Gatell. The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) <u>authorized</u> the second oral treatment for COVID-19 for its emergency use
Government	Vaccine Rollout	 According to the government, Mexico <u>has</u> a guaranteed supply of booster vaccines.
Measures	Country Opening	 Several states had <u>scheduled</u> their return to face-to-face classes for this week but canceled their plans due to increase in COVID-19 cases. The Mexican Institute of Social Security and the Labor Secretariat <u>asked</u> the employer sector to recognize the COVID-19 work permit.
	Economic	 The government <u>presented</u> an austerity plan for the National Electoral Institute (INE) The Economy Secretariat and Novartis Mexico <u>signed</u> an agreement to promote investment in health.
Outlook	Political	 President AMLO will meet with the US Secretary of Energy to address the energy reform. President AMLO reported that he plans to tour Central America this year. An open parliament on the electricity reform to begin this week. President AMLO announced a series of new appointments in his cabinet in the Secretariats of Welfare and of Transport and Communications.
	Economic	 President AMLO <u>assured</u> that the Dos Bocas refinery will open this year. Citigroup <u>announced</u> that it will exit its Citibanamex consumer banking business in Mexico, The Bank of Mexico <u>reported</u> a historic flight of foreign capital in 2021.



PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
501,189	16,821	451,120	2,315	42.17%

Government Measures	Health	 Paraguay registers a 235% increase in positive cases of coronavirus in the last week. Authorities of the Ministry of Health warned that the omicron variant is in "maximum expansion" in the country. Senate approves Health Emergency Law that makes Public Health spending more flexible
	Vaccine Rollout	 Ministry of Health <u>delays</u> application of Sinovac pediatric vaccines due to lack of documentation. Adolescents aged 12 and over will be able to <u>access</u> the third dose of the COVID vaccine.
	Country Opening	 Health authorities update <u>quarantine</u> protocols for COVID- 19 positives.
	Political	 Deputies will seek to <u>improve</u> the drafting of the Health Emergency Law. President Abdo suspends his working <u>agenda</u> after the positive coronavirus test of the first lady. The <u>executive</u> directs a plan to promote decent employment and actions that contribute to the reactivation and economic growth for this 2022
Outlook	Economic	 Paraguay obtains the entry into force of the exemption from tariffs for the entry of eleven Paraguayan products to Taiwan. Drought, high temperatures and the low influx of the Paraguay and Paraná rivers predict economic losses in 2022. Deputy Minister of Economic Relations and Integration and Turkey's ambassador met to discuss trade issues that make up the bilateral agenda.



PERU

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
2,606,126	203,464	-	6,041	66.21%

Government Measures	Health	 Minister of Health indicates that this week a <u>price cap</u> on medicines to treat COVID-19 will be evaluated. Pharmaceutical Chemical College warns of <u>paracetamol</u> shortage in the face of the third wave of Covid-19. Government <u>expands</u> to 43 provinces in high alert level for COVID-19.
	Vaccine Rollout	 Ministry of Health informs that <u>vaccines</u> against COVID-19 for children from 5 to 11 years old arrive January 21. Health authorities presents COVID-19 <u>vaccination</u> protocol for children aged 5 to 11 years.
	Country Opening	 Ministry of Health announces new <u>sanitary</u> restrictions for regions in moderate and high state of emergency. Government officializes reduction of <u>quarantine</u> and isolation for patients with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Executive promulgates a new <u>curfew</u> schedule for the Lima region and the Constitutional Province of Callao Executive forms Multisectoral Commission for return to face-to-face <u>classes</u>.
Outlook	Political	 Presidents of Peru and Colombia sign <u>agreement</u> to strengthen trade, investment and security. President Castillo travels to <u>Colombia</u> to participate in presidential meeting and VI Binational Cabinet of Ministers. Bicentennial Observatory study reports increase in <u>corruption</u> levels since 2020.
	Economic	 Peru's <u>traditional</u> exports grew 62.7% last November. The president of the <u>IDB</u> claimed to observe a "responsible economic management with certain results" in Peru. Peru's President highlights high growth of Lima's Stock Exchange. Peru's economic growth in 2022 will be 3%, according to <u>ECLAC</u>.



URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
512,841	6,243	425,044	1,788	77.03%

Government Measures	Health	 Medical Union of Uruguay (SMU) and Scientific Societies met with health authorities to define strategies amid the new wave of COVID-19. Ministry of Health <u>authorized</u> health workers to undergo COVID-19 testing in the workplace.
	Vaccine Rollout	 Montevideo Municipality and the Ministry of Health to vaccinate against COVID-19 at trade fairs with no prior appointment, local press reported. Reference pediatric vaccination center was inaugurated in Montevideo.
	Economic	 Ministries of Environment and Livestock <u>defined</u> measures for plantations in order to prevent forest fires. The government <u>extended</u> the deadline for the payment of contributions to the Social Security Bank (BPS) for rural companies affected by the agricultural emergency.
	Country Opening	Government <u>authorized</u> residents to enter the country in private cars despite being infected with COVID-19.
Outlook	Political	 Amidst the campaign for the referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law, this week President Lacalle Pou meets with the Frente Amplio opposition leader of Ferando Pereira.
	Economic	Banking sector strike <u>affects</u> cash reloading at ATMs in several departments of the country.



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