

SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

3,758,469 confirmed cases 284,477 deaths 85.99 vaccines/100 people

COLOMBIA 4,982,575 confirmed cases 126,886 deaths 86.51 vaccines/100 people

ECUADOR

511,699 confirmed cases 32,836 deaths 118.26 vaccines/100 people

PERU

2,190,396 confirmed cases 199,882 deaths 94.49 vaccines/100 people

BOLIVIA

507,134 confirmed cases 18,877 deaths 58.58 vaccines/100 people

CHILE

1,672,998 confirmed cases 37,623 deaths 177.64 vaccines/100 people

BRAZIL

21,652,910 confirmed cases 603,521 deaths 120.53 vaccines/100 people

PARAGUAY

460,553 confirmed cases 16,228 deaths

68.24 vaccines/100 people

URUGUAY

391,167 confirmed cases 6,069 deaths 186.30 vaccines/100 people

ARGENTINA

5,273,463 confirmed cases 115,704 deaths 121.92 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

OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER 19, 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	5,273,463	7,188	29.4%	115,704	213	2%	536,542
BOLIVIA	507,134	3,399	43.2%	18,877	82	165%	209,021
BRAZIL	21,651,910	69,172	-33.6%	603,521	2,308	-25%	297,302
CHILE	1,672,998	9,615	56.9%	37,623	52	-27%	1,180,929
COLOMBIA	4,982,575	9,250	-8.3%	126,886	231	0%	509,755
ECUADOR	513,026	1,327	78.1%	32,899	63	103%	104,436
MEXICO	3,758,469	35,234	-14.6%	284,477	2,391	-27%	84,756
PARAGUAY	460,553	350	146.5%	16,228	22	633%	258,289
PERU	2,190,396	6,132	15.2%	199,882	210	12%	552,891
URUGUAY	391,167	1,129	45.1%	6,069	5	-17%	1,064,877

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 19/10/2021 I 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: Government is negotiating an agreement to freeze prices of 1,650 food products and mass consumer goods for 90 days to contain inflation.

Bolivia: Government announced booster vaccines for those over 18 years old.

Brazil: Pandemic CPI will conclude work this week and vote on the final report.

Colombia: President Duque visited Brazil amid a diplomatic visit to the country.

Chile: Joint commission approved the 2022 Health budget.

Ecuador: President Lasso declares a state of exception to tackle drug-related violence.

Mexico: Packaging of the Sputnik V vaccine will start in November.

Paraguay: Government announces a decrease in coronavirus cases while the number of vaccines in the country expands.

Peru: President Castillo decreed the General Government Policy 2021-2026.

Uruguay: Ministry of Health authorized the non-use of masks in open spaces and public roads.



ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
5,273,463	115,704	5,140,506	2,530	121.92

	Health	 A <u>sustained decline</u> in COVID-19 cases has been recorded for 20 consecutive weeks. Ministry of Health <u>delivered</u> equipment with genomics technology in four hospitals to strengthen the network of Tuberculosis Laboratories. <u>Preliminary results</u> of the first official interim analysis of the COVID-19 vaccine combination study were published. Results were positive in both safety and immunogenicity.
Government	Vaccine Rollout	 New batch of 900,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines arrived in the country. Minister of Health confirmed that third doses will be applied in 2022. Health personnel and at-risk groups to be prioritized.
Measures	Economic	 Executive <u>signed</u> a decree to transform social plans into jobs. The initiative seeks to train social plan holders and to turn the subsidy into a formal salary. Government is <u>negotiating</u> with businessmen an agreement to freeze prices of 1,650 food products and mass consumer goods for 90 days. It is to contain inflation.
	Country Opening	 There are no longer <u>air entry restrictions</u> for Argentine residents. The Buenos Aires city government authorized the non-use of masks in open air. It was after reaching the 70% of the population vaccinated with full scheme, local press <u>reported</u>.
Outlook	Political	 Government <u>proposes</u> to reach an agreement based on "ten State policies for Argentina" with the opposition following the upcoming legislative elections, but the opposition has <u>rejected</u> this possibility. Deputies begin today to <u>discuss</u> the "Zero Alcohol behind the Wheel" bill in Committee.
	Economic	 According to <u>INDEC</u>, September inflation reached 3.5%, and 37% for the year.



BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
507,134	18,877	469,696	1,589	58.58

	Health	 Health authorities <u>presented</u> the main guidelines for people with disabilities that must be enforced in every hospital of the country.
Government	Vaccine Rollout	 Government <u>announced</u> booster vaccines for those over 18 years old who have received complete vaccination. Booster shots for people over 60 years old and for patients with underlying diseases <u>began</u> at Pando, Tarija, Chuquisaca, Cochabamba, and Beni last week. Over 300,000 Sputnik V vaccines <u>arrived</u> in the country last week.
Measures	Economic	 Bolivian state-owned YPFB <u>signed</u> a new contract with the international company Vintage Petroleum for exploration and exploitation in the areas of Carandaiti, Sayurenda, and Yuarenda. Bolivia <u>announced</u> the end of conflict over rates with the Chilean port of Arica.
Outlook	Economic	 According to the government, the Bolivian economy has shown positive signs of recovery as tax collections have increased. Bolivia's GDP grew by 9,36% in the first semester of 2021. Meanwhile, the government highlighted the latest IMF Bolivian projections compared to other regional countries with a 5% growth. The Ministry of Economy launched the first symposium on Critical Economics to address the upcoming fiscal and economic challenges in the country. La Paz, Cochabamba, and Santa Cruz to lose USD \$81 million per day due to the impacts of the national strike, Minister of Economy argued.



BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
21,651,910	603,521	20,813,408	2,813	120.53

	Health	 The Pandemic CPI will <u>read</u> its final report on Wednesday (20th) before voting next week to conclude the commission. The Ministry of Health <u>announced</u> that it will invest BRL 14 million to create 10,000 new Ponta SOS positions, aimed at qualifying health professionals to provide emergency care, as part of preparations for future health emergencies.
Government Measures	Vaccine Rollout	 The Ministry of Health <u>shortened</u> the waiting period for a second dose of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, from 12 weeks to 8 weeks, due to increased capacity. In launching the National Multi-Vaccination Campaign, Minister of Health Marcelo Quiroga <u>announced</u> that the entire population will be vaccinated by the end of 2021. 108.7 million Brazilians (49.65%) have <u>completed</u> their vaccinations, while 151.3 million (73.07%) have been at least partially vaccinated.
Outlook.	Political	 The House floor will <u>consider</u> the Judicial Debt and Public Ministry constitutional amendments on Tuesday (19th). The PSDB primary between Governor Eduardo Leite (RS) and Governor João Doria (SP) is <u>intensifying</u> ahead of the November 21st vote, but both candidates remain well behind President Bolsonaro and former President Lula in polls for the first round of 2022.
Outlook	Economic	 Brazilian external account data will be <u>released</u> on Friday (22nd) and may have an impact on financial markets. Speaker of the House Arthur Lira is <u>guiding</u> an expansionary economic agenda through the chamber, seeking to expand income tax exemptions, lower fuel prices, and open up fiscal space for the Auxiliary Brazil aid to replace the emergency aid during the pandemic.



CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,672,998	37,623	1,624,180	1,946	177.64

	Health	 Joint commission approved the 2022 Health budget representing an increase of 11.7% when compared to the current year. Health associations led by COLMED created a unified table to propose public health solutions.
	Vaccine Rollout	 Chilean authorities <u>launched</u> the first community-based vaccination center for children and adolescents with intellectual disabilities. Government <u>sends</u> 100,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines against COVID-19 to Paraguay. This is the second donation made this year after the Chilean government sent 20,000 doses last March used to vaccinate medical workers.
Government Measures	Economic	 Minister of Energy Juan Carlos Jobet <u>announced</u> the new Electromobility Strategy last week. Among other objectives, the government established that by 2035 100% of light, medium and public transport vehicles will be zero emissions. The Ministry of Infrastructure along with other municipal associations <u>agreed</u> on joint measures to tackle the water crisis affecting the country. Santiago's Chamber of Commerce and the Ministry of Economy <u>launched</u> the program "Women in eCommerce" a measure to increase entrepreneurs and boost SMEs projects. Government <u>presents</u> in the Atacama region the first draft of the National Mining Policy 2050. The Ministry of Technology <u>launched</u> the first 5G Campus in the southern part of the country.
Outlook	Political	President Piñera <u>announced</u> the State of Emergency in the provinces of Biobío, Arauco, Malleco, and Cautín after repeated acts of violence committed by armed groups were reported.



COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL CASES TOTAL DEATHS		DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,982,575	126,886	4,826,801	2,460	86.51

	Health	 Ministry of Health <u>updated</u> the "National Policy of Human Aging " after a process of discussion with policymakers, local governments, and experts.
	Vaccine Rollout	 Around four million new vaccine doses <u>arrived</u> in the country last week from Sinovac and AstraZeneca. Meanwhile, more than one million Pfizer doses were <u>received</u> throughout the COVAX-Facility mechanism.
Government Measures	Economic	 President Duque met with Brazilian business leaders amid a diplomatic visit to the country. Duque highlighted that Colombia and Brazil are reaching the highest point of their historic bilateral relationship. While Brazilian non-mining energy foreign investment grew by 50%, Colombia seeks to have USD 2,500 million in investment from Brazil and to export USD 5,000 million to that country in the upcoming years. Colombia and Guatemala agreed on working together in the fight against drug trafficking and to strengthen trade and investment after a diplomatic visit of President Alejandro Giammattei to Bogota last week.
	Political	 Vice President Marta Lucia Ramirez <u>signed</u> the renewal of the OAS mandate amid the implementation of Colombia's peace process. President Duque <u>presented</u> the advances and financial commitments after his official visit to the US. Duque met with several high-level representatives from the World Bank, the IMF, the OAS, and private investment funds.
Outlook	Economic	 President Duque <u>delivered</u> the third 4G infrastructure project since he took office in the department of Antioquia. According to the government, non-mining direct foreign investment has <u>grown</u> by more than 190% since President Duque arrived at the presidency. Business confidence in September 2021 <u>reaches</u> a record high since June of last year, DANE confirmed last week.



ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
513,026	32,899	443,880	1,829	119.33

Government Measures	Health	 The Ministry of Health has begun working on the development of the Ten-Year Health Plan 2022-2032. The Israel government donated protection gear and other health supplies.
	Vaccine Rollout	 Vaccination against COVID-19, for children aged 11 to 6, began in Quito with the Sinovac vaccine. The government also began inoculating sanitary personnel with a third dose of the Astra Zeneca vaccine.
	Country Opening	The National Emergency Operations Committee will soon issue the official sanitary protocols to hold public events.
	Economic	The Government will <u>send</u> the tax reform bill as an urgent economic project to the National Assembly.
Outlook	Political	 The government <u>declared</u> a state of exception due to insecurity. The Constitutional Guarantees Commission <u>approved</u> the work schedule for the investigation of the "Pandora Papers". President Lasso will <u>meet</u> with the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken The National Assembly <u>dismissed</u> the second vice president of the Legislature, accused of corruption.
	Economic	The Biodiversity Commission <u>requested</u> an extension of 60 days to evaluate the reforms to the mining law.
	Social	 The Ecuadorian Medical Federation <u>announced</u> a series of national mobilization due to 'precarious' health conditions. Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs <u>traveled</u> to verify the situation of Ecuadorian migrants in the border between Mexico and the United States.



MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
3,758,469	284,477	3,122,072	2,177	85.99

Government Measures	Health	 The Health Secertariat <u>appeared</u> before the Health Commission of the Senate in relation to his Third Government Report. The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) <u>announced</u> the start of operation of its new Self-Managed Procedures Platform.
	Vaccine Rollout	 Mexico will start <u>packaging</u> the Sputnik V vaccine, after sinning an agreement to carry out the technology and analytical transfer process. The Secretary of Health <u>reported</u> that in the first quarter of next year the application of a third dose of COVID-19 vaccines will be defined.
	Country Opening	 The Secretary of Foreign Affairs <u>announced</u> that as of November 8, regular activities will resume on the US border. President AMLO <u>called</u> on public and private universities to return to on-site classes.
	Economic	 The Economy Secretary <u>participated</u> in the G20 meeting. The Senate and the House of Representatives <u>agreed</u> to promote a dual open parliament for the discussion of the constitutional reform in electricity matters.
	Political	 President AMLO and John Kerry will visit the Mexico- Guatemala border to <u>review</u> the Sembrando Vida program.
Outlook	Economic	 The Bank of Mexico <u>warned</u> of rising inflation, greater risks and external inflationary pressures. President AMLO <u>stated</u> the country was unlikely to adopt cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin as legal tender.
	Social	 A conflict in the Dos Bocas refinery Tabasco <u>escalated</u> due to a dispute over the collective bargaining agreement. Authorities from the Health Secretariat <u>showed</u> their support to a bill to eliminate trans fats from industrialized foods.



PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
460,553	16,228	444,033	2,240	68.24

Government Measures	Health	 The Minister of Health explained that Paraguay has a sustained decrease in cases in terms of infections, hospitalized people and deceased, showing a good outlook for the county. Government asserts efforts to prevent the reintroduction Malaria after an imported case from Venezuela. The Ministry of Health works on a plan to prevent the spread of more
	Vaccine Rollout	 The <u>vaccination plan</u> of children from 12 to 17, as well as a possible third dose to people older than 50 years was announced without specific date. The government of Chile has donated 100,000 <u>doses of AstraZeneca</u> vaccine to Paraguay. The Ministry of Health announces the <u>arrival of doses</u> of sputnik V that will complete the vaccination scheme of approximately 330,000 people who got the first dose in July.
	Country Opening	 Paraguay steps out form the ban list of countries which can access The United Kingdom. However, all travelers should still follow the Covid test and quarantine guidelines imposed by the UK. After serveal negociation between Paraguay and Argentina the long-awaited opening in the passage between Encarnación and Posadas was finally achieved.
	Political	 In the Chamber of Deputies, a bill to create <u>unemployment insurance</u> is submitted under the proposal of deputy Carlos Núñez. The Government is analyzing the possibility of <u>merging the Livestock Fund</u> and the National Development Bank (BNF), in order to strengthen assistance to the livestock sector.
Outlook	Economic	 Inflation is expected to close at 5.8% in 2021 and 4.3% in 2022, according to a study conducted by the Survey of Expectations of Economic Variables. This represents a slightly increase with projections made in 2020. Despite the pandemic, around 176 new companies were registered in the last week before Ministry of Labor.



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TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,190,396	199,882	-	5,955	94.49

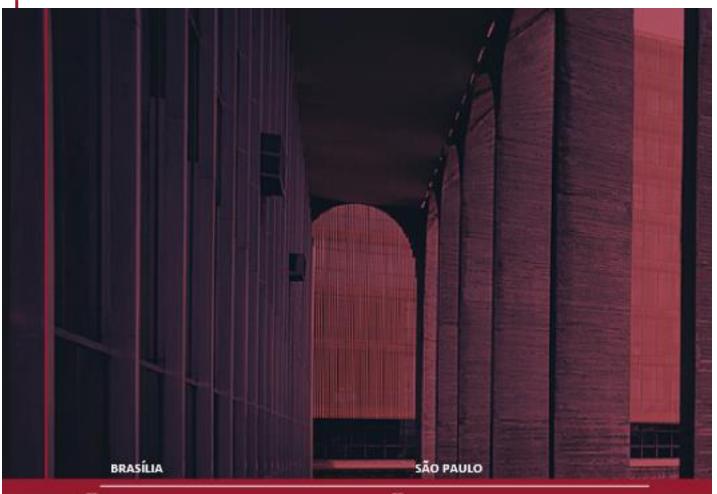
Government Measures	Health	 The Vice Minister of Public Health <u>reported</u> that by the end of October he will comply with presenting the draft regulation for the implementation of the National Cancer Law. The Ministry of Health <u>warned</u> of the dangers of medicines of illegal origin.
	Vaccine Rollout	 The Minister of Foreign Affairs <u>reported</u> that the country will receive 3,811,860 doses of Pfizer vaccines from COVAX Facility November and December of this year. The Minister of Health <u>confirmed</u> that next month the vaccination against COVID-19 will begin for minors between 12 and 17 years old. The Ministry of Health is <u>reinforcing</u> work in regions to close gaps in vaccination, as well as <u>giving</u> third doses to sanitary personnel.
	Country Opening	 The Ministry of Health <u>presented</u> the protocol for returning to on-site university classes.
	Economic	 President Castillo <u>summoned</u> the Minister of Economy to address solutions to family economy issues. The first meeting of the Executive Board for the Development of the Tourism sector was <u>held</u>.
Outlook	Political	 President Castillo <u>decreed</u> the General Government Policy 2021-2026, that establishes the ten main axes of his government. President Castillo <u>led</u> a new session of the Council of Ministers, with the recently appointed cabinet. The Minister of Foreign Affairs will <u>travel</u> to Colombia to participate in the Ministerial Conference on Migration.
	Economic	 The government met with companies from the agroindustrial, mining and logistics sectors to discuss their investment projections. The Ministry of Economy <u>published</u> the Citizen Orientation Guide on the 2022 Public Sector Budget Law Project.
	Social	 President Castillo met with the National Association of Journalists.



URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
391,167	6,069	383,562	1,739	186.30

Government	Health	 Uruguay completed three months with pandemic "under control" according to WHO criteria. Ministry of Public Health <u>published</u> a new epidemiological report on COVID-19 in Uruguay until October 2021. Out of the total number of confirmed cases, 98% are already recovered and 1.2% required intensive care. Ministry of Health <u>announced</u> advances in four dimensions of mental health issues. One of the most outstanding is the approval of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy 2021-2025. 		
Measures	Vaccine Rollout	Tourism Minister <u>announced</u> that Uruguay will offer anti- COVID-19 vaccines to foreign tourists.		
	Economic	Minister of Transportation and Public Works <u>confirmed</u> record USD \$870 million in road works by 2022		
	Country opening	 Ministry of Health <u>authorized</u> the non-use of masks in open spaces and public roads. Uruguayan Chamber of Events <u>asked</u> Ministry of Health for clarity in sanitary protocols. 		
Outlook	Political	 The accountability bill <u>passed</u> the Senate with modifications. It now returns to the House of Representatives for final approval (or rejection). Uruguay will host the <u>IDB Assembly</u> in March 2022. Minister of the Interior <u>submitted</u> crime data for 2021. Among others, homicides, robberies and gender violence decreased. 		
	Social	New protest due to labor conflict at <u>Montevideo port</u> . There could be new stoppages.		



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