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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

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SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

3,883,842 confirmed cases
293,897 deaths
49.84% fully vaccinated

COLOMBIA

5,065,376 confirmed cases
128,437 deaths
47.46% fully vaccinated

ECUADOR

524,432 confirmed cases
33,128 deaths
60.67% fully vaccinated

BRAZIL

22,080,906 confirmed cases
614,314 deaths
62.43% fully vaccinated

PERU

2,234,075 confirmed cases
201,108 deaths
54.01% fully vaccinated

PARAGUAY

462,956 confirmed cases
16,463 deaths
35.43% fully vaccinated

BOLIVIA

536,472 confirmed cases
19,161 deaths
33.37% fully vaccinated

URUGUAY

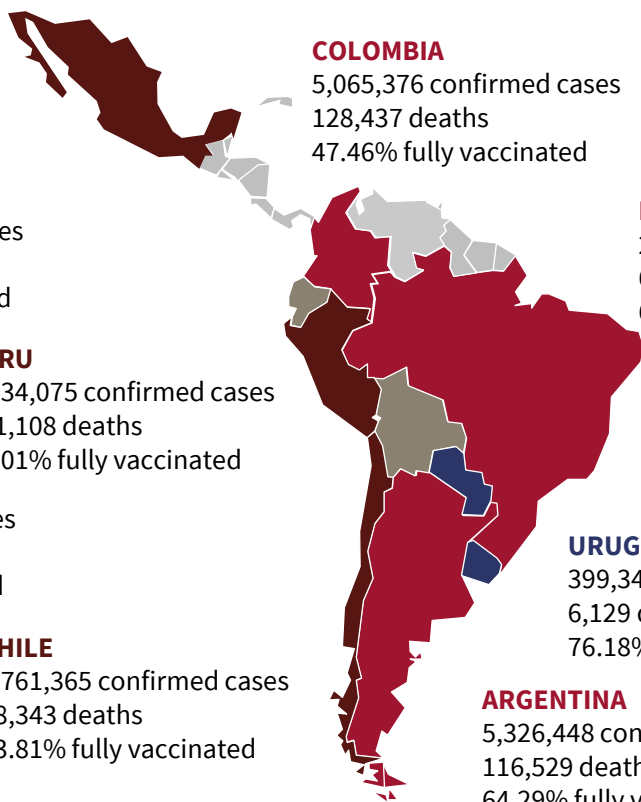
399,348 confirmed cases
6,129 deaths
76.18% fully vaccinated

CHILE

1,761,365 confirmed cases
38,343 deaths
83.81% fully vaccinated

ARGENTINA

5,326,448 confirmed cases
116,529 deaths
64.29% fully vaccinated



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

NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 29, 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	5,326,448	11,100	69.0%	116,529	152	83%	570,829
BOLIVIA	536,472	7,397	53.7%	19,161	99	148%	217,399
BRAZIL	22,080,906	63,630	23.3%	614,314	1,592	33%	297,068
CHILE	1,761,365	16,060	8.2%	38,343	194	35%	1,320,696
COLOMBIA	5,065,373	17,312	47.0%	128,437	344	51%	542,503
ECUADOR	524,432	585	-71.5%	33,128	7	-79%	110,535
MEXICO	3,883,842	20,480	21.5%	293,897	1,426	13%	90,449
PARAGUAY	462,956	673	200.4%	16,463	103	472%	267,890
PERU	2,234,075	9,731	8.5%	201,108	242	25%	602,336
URUGUAY	399,348	1,867	214.8%	6,129	14	27%	1,171,903

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 29/11/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: In a context of the dollar shortage, the government prohibits the purchase of tickets and lodging abroad in installments for Argentines.

Bolivia: Bolivia receives new Pfizer shipment through the Covax-Facility mechanism.

Brazil: Anticipation over macrieconomic data for the IIIQ.

Colombia: Health Emergency extended until February 28, 2022.

Chile: Health authorities announced COVID-19 vaccines for children between 3 and 6 years old.

Ecuador: The Economic Development Commission approved the report to vote on the tax reform presented by the Executive.

Mexico: President AMLO issued a decree to expedite the advance of the government's infrastructure projects by classifying them as a matter of public interest and national security.

Paraguay: Paraguay bans the entry of foreigners from 10 African countries to prevent the entry of the Omicron variant.

Peru: The Government extended the State of National Emergency until December 31, 2021.

Uruguay: Vaccination of tourists begins on December 1st.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,326,448	116,529	5,191,054	2,545	64.29%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health, together with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, ratified the definition of reference prices for outpatient drugs for chronic use (for Social Security) as well as the re-launching of the prescription of drugs by generic name. Minister of Health held a meeting with <i>Obras Sociales</i> leaders. It was agreed to establish a coordinated work agenda for the future.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government authorized the donation of more than 70,000 doses of AZ vaccines. They will be destined to Angola, Kenya and Barbados. Health Ministers of the country agreed to dedicate the month of December to complete vaccination schedules against COVID-19 and to implement a health pass.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a context of dollar shortage, the government prohibits the purchase of tickets and lodging abroad in installments for Argentines.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government has introduced mandatory quarantine for people arriving from Africa.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central Bank highlighted the launching of "Transfers 3.0", the system of payments with operable QR. A court acquitted former president Cristina Fernández de Kirchner of money laundering and illicit association charges without going to trial. An appeal is being prepared. Vice President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner published a public letter in which she denied playing a central role in the agreement with the IMF stating that the President is the one who decides. The ruling coalition is negotiating changes in some articles of the Container Bill in view of the rejection by the business community and the opposition aimed to deal with it.

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
536,472	19,161	491,946	1,611	33.37%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government announced the acquisition of health equipment and medical supplies for local governments and municipalities. This is part of a broader national plan to tackle COVID-19 outbreaks.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Around 300,000 people between 12 and 17 years old have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine shot, according to health authorities. Bolivia receives 90,090 Pfizer doses through the Covax-Facility mechanism.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An agreement with the national sugarcane industry will allow state-owned YPFB to buy 160 million liters of ethanol in 2022, President Luis Arce announced. Agreement signed for the application of batteries with Bolivian lithium between state-owned company <i>Yacimientos de Litio Bolivianos</i> (YLB) and Quipus.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Luis Arce met with CAF's executive director Luis Díaz Granados to discuss the economic and sanitary actions Bolivia has taken amid the pandemic crisis as well as identifying spaces of multilateral cooperation. Díaz Granados ratified his interest in implementing projects aimed at improving the economic and infrastructure integration of the country. Opposition leader Luis Fernando Camacho announced a plan to promote a federalist system in Bolivia. Camacho stated that a process of consultation will take place to discuss the proposal with local governments, universities, and civic associations.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First shipment of Bolivian cotton was sent to Peru last week. Around 1,200 tons are expected to be exported in the upcoming months.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
22,080,906	614,314	21,293,314	2,861	62.43%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANVISA is investigating whether a positive case in Gaurulhos in a passenger from South Africa is the Omicron variant, which has not yet been detected in Brazil. Flights from six countries in Southern Africa were banned to attempt to limit the spread of the Omicron variant.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health signed an agreement to purchase 100 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine in 2022. The Ministry of Health recommended that all recipients of the Janssen vaccine should receive a second dose between two and six months after the first dose.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health affirmed that protective measures would be maintained in the face of the Omicron variant. The city of São Paulo requested that the federal government require vaccination against COVID-19 for all foreigners entering the country, rather than a negative test.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination hearings will take place in the Senate this week, with attention on André Mendonça's hearing to join the Supreme Federal Tribunal, which is opposed by many senators. President Bolsonaro will officially join the Liberal Party on Tuesday (30), affecting the party's state level alliances in São Paulo, Bahía, and Rio de Janeiro. Sergio Moro remains the most popular third-way candidate, especially after the complicated and delayed primaries for the PSDB saw the runner-up refuse to join the winner's campaign committee.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Senate will vote on the Judicial Debt PEC on Tuesday (30), opening up BRL 106.1 billion in additional fiscal space for inflation adjustments, payroll tax exemptions, and the Brazil Aid social program. Data on 3rd quarter GDP, unemployment, and job creation will be released this week, and may show Brazil entering a recession.

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
1,761,365	38,343	1,654,564	1,982	83.81%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undersecretary of Health Paula Daza announced joining Jose Antonio Kast campaign team heading into the presidential runoff in December.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chile has vaccinated over 93% of the target population as health authorities announced COVID-19 vaccines for children between 3 and 6 years old. Ministry of Health launches new booster vaccination strategy in Atacama region.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Chamber approved the national budget modifying several items of its content. The only step pending is the presidential ratification that will take place in the upcoming weeks. Chile assumes the presidency of the Forum of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Housing. Special commission to boost national employment was launched by President Piñera.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second constitutional norm proposal was presented before the national assembly last week. Presidential candidate Franco Parisi announced an internal consultation within the People's Party to define support in December runoff.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USD exchange rate experienced a slight increase amid discussions of the fourth withdrawal plan and days before the presidential runoff. Analysts highlighted a positive outlook before the mid-December elections after leftist Boric and right-wing Kast announced their new economic campaign advisors. This will probably lead to more measured proposals helping reduce the uncertainty that has prevailed along the campaign. Despite this, the Santiago Stock Exchange registered a setback. Economic recession projected for the third and fourth quarters of 2022

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,065,373	128,437	4,905,431	2,487	47.46%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government announced the extension of the Health Emergency until February 28, 2022. MoH assigned more than USD \$2 million for mental health services.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombia announces travel restrictions over new Omicron COVID-19 variant in South Africa.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable to negotiate the 2022 minimum wage was postponed for the first week of December.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Special Envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia met with President Duque and other cabinet members to discuss the advances and challenges of the peace agreement implementation. UN Secretary-General António Guterres also visited Colombia and met with President Iván Duque and officials of his government, as well as with leaders of the former FARC-EP guerrilla. Comptroller's decision on Hidroituango hits centrist Sergio Fajardo's candidacy. Tensions between far right-wing Maria Fernanda Cabal and Oscar Ivan Zuluaga deepened divisions within the <i>Centro Democrático</i> party. Cabal questioned the party's lack of clarity throughout the process to choose Zuluaga as the official candidate.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agro sector business leaders raised concerns about high price of inputs. Colombia produces 65% slower than OECD, report declared. Industrial confidence fell in October due to low production projections.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
524,432	33,128	443,880	1,838	60.67%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAHO warned that Ecuador registers one of the highest spikes in COVID-19 cases in the region. • More than 100 community volunteers received a workshop that endorses them as “community epidemiologists” to support actions against the pandemic. • ACESS extended the deadline for facilities that process RT-PCR and rapid tests to update their authorization. • The Ministry of Health together with the Organization for Migration delivered First Reception Rooms to attend to victims of violence.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister of Health confirmed that those who received the second dose six or eight months ago will have access to the third dose from January 2022.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister announced that crossing the border between Ecuador and Colombia requires a vaccination card with full scheme.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Economic Development Commission approved the report to vote on the tax reform presented by the Executive.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Attorney General's Office initiated investigations related to alleged acts of corruption in the Ecuadorian Social Security Institute (IESS).
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecuador will host the "XV China-Latin America and the Caribbean CHINA-LAC Business Summit" in 2022. • Ecuador and Australia announced their commitment to promoting bilateral relations and new investments • President Lasso met with the diplomatic corps of other countries to talk about mining Ecuador.

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
3,883,842	293,897	3,240,521	2,246	49.84%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faced with the Omicron variant, the Health Secretariat has updated its genomic surveillance protocols. From November 15 to 28, INSABI along with the Armed Forces and the National Guard will expedite the delivery of 40 million medicines to the states. President AMLO affirmed that the country is prepared and on the lookout for the arrival of a new coronavirus variant.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 132.3 million doses against COVID-19 have been applied so far in the country.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO issued a decree to expedite the advance of the government's infrastructure projects by classifying them as a matter of public interest and national security.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Senate elected Loretta Ortiz as a Minister of the Supreme Court. Promotion of health and economic recovery of the region among the main agreements of the North American Leaders' Summit. President AMLO sent the Senate an initiative to create the Army Command and expand the powers of the head of the National Defense Secretariat.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO remains positive that 6% growth forecast will be fulfilled by end of 2021. The Finance Secretariat has proposed Victoria Rodríguez Ceja to the Senate to head the Bank of Mexico.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the UN, the Minister of Foreign Affairs launched a proposal to stop arms trafficking. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) visited Mexico due to the expected record numbers of refugee applications.

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
462,956	16,463	445,657	2,269	35.43%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Public Health Commission met with health unions representatives to discuss the bill that regulates aesthetic medicine.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health affirms that 70% at National College students are already vaccinated thanks to the vaccinate program at school. Vaccination campaign intensified in Alto Paraná in the face of an increase in cases Health authorities will continue with vaccination house by house before satisfactory result after exceeding 350,000 applications.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraguay indefinitely banned the entry of foreigners from 10 African countries to prevent the entry of Omicron variant. The department of Minga Porã suspends public or private events and shows as part of the new health measures in the face of the increase in cases of coronavirus.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Deputy Minister of Financial Administration, commented that no cuts will be made to the health area to finance the Odesur 2022 Games. Members of the Colorado party demand resignation of the vice president due to the abandonment of his position to carry out a political campaign.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Finance declared to be satisfied with the version of the PGN 2022 approved by the Senate. Mario Abdo Benítez made official the launch of the Añua Program, seeking to cut the price of products from the basic family . Turkish ambassador announced installation of Paraguay-Turkey Chamber of Commerce

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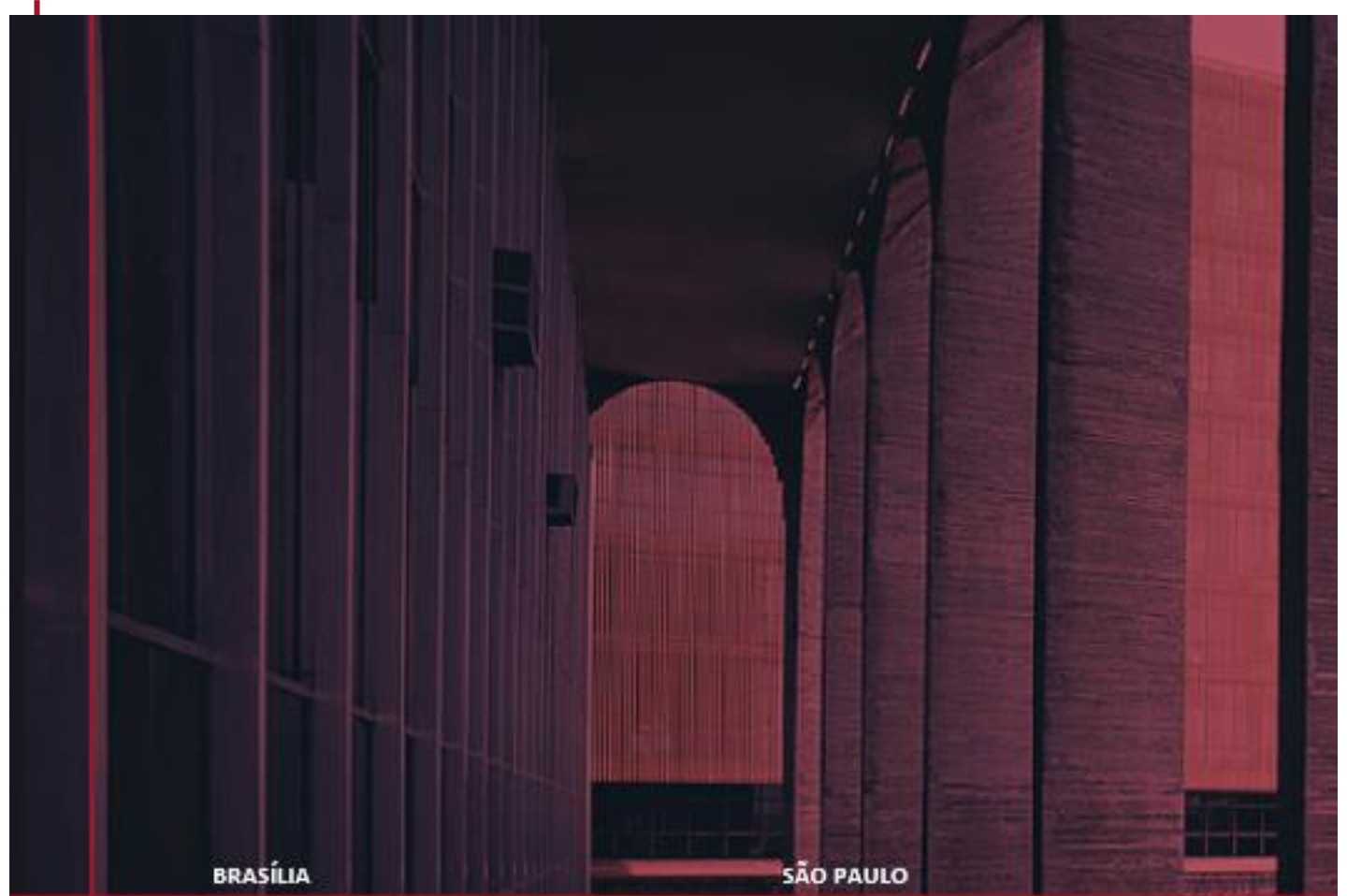
TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
2,234,075	201,108	-	5,982	54.01%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health issued an epidemiological alert due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in different regions. The Ministry of Health continued with the National Vaccination Campaign to complete the regular scheme in children and adolescents. The National Institute of Health (INS) joined the WHO Network of National Laboratories for the Control of Biological Products. Ten provinces entered a high alert level for COVID-19. The Government extended the State of National Emergency until December 31 to face the COVID-19 pandemic
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister of Economy announced that in order to meet the demands for COVID-19 vaccination in 2022, around 55 million doses are being purchased. Vaccination against COVID-19 was resumed in the Amazon after the earthquake.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government published new guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in air transport.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relaunch of the Binational Chamber of Commerce and Integration Uruguay – Peru began. The National Council for Border Development and Integration (CONADIF) is promoting the financing of projects to close gaps in border areas. President Castillo announced the Government's commitment to through the “Peru on the Move” program, which will allow the regions’ economic reactivation.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government ratified its commitment to defending the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. The UN approved Peru's initiative on financial inclusion to close inequality and poverty gaps
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Castillo announced that the 2022 budget will prioritize health emergency, education and agriculture.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government ordered the deployment of personnel after a high magnitude earthquake in Amazonas.


URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
399,348	6,129	391,083	1,756	76.18%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Health Services Administration (ASSE) <u>launched</u> an updated protocol to be applied in cases of gender-based violence. It is targeted at health teams.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government <u>plans</u> to execute USD \$2.603 billion in road works during the five-year period (2020-2025).
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination of tourists <u>begins</u> on December 1st. Until now, the <u>batch</u> for tourists is 200,000 vaccines. National Vaccine Advisory Commission and ad-hoc group unanimously <u>recommended</u> vaccination in girls and boys from 5 to 11 years old. Following that, the Secretary of the Presidency <u>stated</u> the start of vaccination for children will be announced in the next few days.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Health updated (relaxed) protocol for <u>religious</u> celebrations and for <u>events and parties</u>.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Electoral Court <u>surpassed</u> 629,000 approved signatures. Only 41 thousand validations remain to be approved in order to call the referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law. Representatives for the different branches of the Board of Directors were defined in the Social Security Bank <u>elections</u>.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DBRS Morningstar <u>rating agency</u> upgrades Uruguay's outlook from stable to positive and ratifies Uruguay's investment grade rating. Ministry of Economy forecasts tourism to reach 70% of pre-pandemic level, local press <u>reported</u>.



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