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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

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SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

4,136,440 confirmed cases
300,412 deaths
55.93% fully vaccinated

COLOMBIA

5,357,767 confirmed cases
130,395 deaths
56.99% fully vaccinated

ECUADOR

564,767 confirmed cases
33,706 deaths
70.94% fully vaccinated

BRAZIL

22,558,695 confirmed cases
620,142 deaths
67.63% fully vaccinated

PERU

2,388,289 confirmed cases
203,097 deaths
65.62% fully vaccinated

PARAGUAY

479,971 confirmed cases
16,684 deaths
41.59% fully vaccinated

BOLIVIA

686,023 confirmed cases
19,999 deaths
40.68% fully vaccinated

URUGUAY

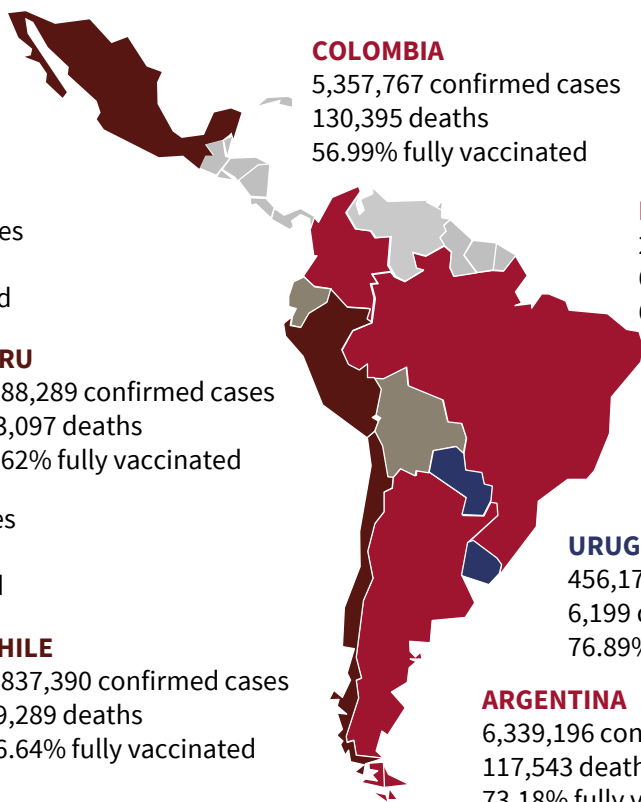
456,179 confirmed cases
6,199 deaths
76.89% fully vaccinated

CHILE

1,837,390 confirmed cases
39,289 deaths
86.64% fully vaccinated

ARGENTINA

6,339,196 confirmed cases
117,543 deaths
73.18% 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

JANUARY 03 – JANUARY 11, 2022

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	6,399,196	704,266	1183.1%	117,543	339	101%	642,808
BOLIVIA	686,023	74,992	117.8%	19,999	277	57%	221,052
BRAZIL	22,558,695	266,467	406.3%	620,142	971	41%	296,823
CHILE	1,837,390	26,093	154.2%	39,289	116	-1%	1,446,293
COLOMBIA	5,357,767	176,594	212.6%	130,395	369	39%	589,332
ECUADOR	564,767	15,349	65.1%	33,706	25	-38%	121,190
MEXICO	4,136,440	145,853	268.5%	300,412	868	13%	97,203
PARAGUAY	479,971	10,978	200.4%	16,684	47	31%	288,161
PERU	2,388,289	87,112	298.2%	203,097	356	64%	666,158
URUGUAY	456,179	40,930	420.2%	6,199	24	100%	1,321,282

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 11/01/2022 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: Isolation protocols for vaccinated close contacts of COVID-19 cases are relaxed.

Bolivia: Traditional Medicine Guide was published to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brazil: Despite a rapid increase in case numbers, the Ministry of Health believes the health system has adequate testing and treatment supplies to deal with the surge.

Colombia: New isolation guidelines and COVID-19 testing strategies were announced.

Chile: Government announced fourth vaccine dose amid a new COVID-19 outbreak.

Ecuador: Although the Delta variant continues to predominate at the national level, six provinces already report cases of Omicron.

Mexico: The Finance Secretariat is preparing a new investment plan with the private sector.

Paraguay: Travelers will need a vaccination certificate with two doses for entering the country.

Peru: Closure of land borders maintained due to pandemic and high cases of Omicron variant.

Uruguay: Although a new record of active cases was registered, the President stated the government does not evaluate closing borders.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
6,399,196	117,543	5,613,991	2,565	73.18%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health relaxed isolation protocols for vaccinated close contacts of COVID-19 cases. The Ministry of Health published the reference prices of 85 active ingredients for medicines for chronic use. They will be updated on a monthly basis. Although they are not mandatory, they serve to anchor inflationary expectations within the sector. ANMAT authorized the use of COVID-19 self-assessment test.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministers of Health of the country agreed to vaccinate domestic tourists from outside the jurisdiction against COVID-19 to facilitate access during holiday season. More than 5 million COVID-19 vaccines will be distributed nationwide in the coming weeks.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a highly inflationary context, the program that sets price ceilings for a basket of 1300 food products is renewed. Government made the payment of USD 692 million to foreign bondholders for the restructured debt in 2020.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOH defined new protocols for those entering the country. Those who enter the country will have to take a PCR test on the third day after arriving in the country.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argentina assumed the presidency of the regional organization of Latin America and the Caribbean. President Alberto Fernandez will travel to China in February. Among other items, he will seek financing for infrastructure works. Amid Argentine debt negotiations, President Alberto Fernandez stated that the IMF is trying to "impose an agreement" on Argentina and the government rejects this option.

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
686,023	19,999	561,216	1,678	40.68%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government delivered medicines and health supplies to Chuquisaca. Amid the strategy to expand the national production of medicines and COVID-19 drugs, the government announced that currently the <i>Atracurio</i> drug is being developed by the country. Other drugs such as Fentanyl and Midazolam are being considered to start production in the upcoming months. Bolivia launches the Traditional Medicine Guide for addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 10 million doses have been applied so far throughout the country, President Arce confirmed. Ministry of Health expands hours of attention and enables new vaccination points around the country.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government delivers an oxygen plant to the Vinto Metallurgical Company.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Luis Arce congratulated Alberto Fernandez after being appointed as pro tempore president of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the government, the Future Situation Index (ISF), a measure to identify economic growth expectations, raised up from 17.6 to 38.5 between February and November 2021.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
22,558,695	620,142	21,626,836	2,886	67.63%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health will distribute 40 million rapid antigen test kits in January in order to monitor the dramatic increase in cases of the Omicron variant. Health Minister Marcelo Queiroga guaranteed that the country has enough of the necessary drugs and intubation kits to avoid a shortage scenario similar to that seen in January of 2021.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolsonaro criticized ANVISA, accusing the agency of promoting its own interests in approving vaccinations for children between the ages of 5 and 11. ANVISA Director Admiral Antonio Barra Torres released a note rejecting the president's criticism. Pediatric vaccine doses from Pfizer will arrive in Brazil this week and be distributed to eligible children.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Civil Police operation against Márcio França may affect negotiations between the Workers' Party (PT) and the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB) to join a party federation to support Lula's presidential ticket. President Bolsonaro announced that civil servants will not receive raises this year, due to the lack of space in the budget.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic data to be released this week is expected to show inflation reaching 10% in 2021, along with GDP declines in the retail and industrial sectors. Important economic advisors of four candidates challenging President Bolsonaro in the 2022 elections released platforms over the past week, demonstrating a consensus on a progressive Tax Reform, fighting inequality, and strengthening environmental policies.

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
1,837,390	39,289	1,743,519	2,029	86.64%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government presented indications on price regulation of drugs amid the <i>Farmacos II</i> discussions.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government announced fourth vaccine dose amid a new COVID-19 outbreak reported in the last few weeks.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average rate for mortgage loans rose to 4%, Central Bank reports. Chilean household revenues continued to grow in the third quarter of 2021, report informed. Proposals to install a national worktable to address the lithium tender disagreements were announced, months before Gabriel Boric is appointed as president. Discussions to extend the Basic Service Law advances at Congress.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New proposals were included to be part of the constitutional debates at the National Assembly. Gabriel Boric's approval ratings rises to 43% but only 30% of Chileans believes that the economy will improve this year. Lower Chamber approved the resolution for the creation of a Ministry of the Sea. The initiative forces the president to present a bill before Congress in the upcoming months. Chile's Constitutional Assembly elects a new president and vice-president.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first waste revaluation treatment center in Latin-America was launched by <i>Revaloriza</i> company last week. Union associations anticipate a sharp economic slowdown in 2022. Zero- and low-emission car sales improved in 2021.

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,357,767	130,395	5,059,323	2,552	56.99%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombia launched the National Board of Orphan Diseases. The Ministry of Health announces changes in isolation guidelines and COVID-19 testing strategies.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombia surpassed 66.2 million of COVID-19 doses applied and 29 million people fully vaccinated, President Duque announced. Measles and rubella vaccination campaign extended until March 2022.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tensions rise after the ELN guerrilla claimed responsibility for bombing in Santiago de Cali, the third largest city of the country. The vaccine-rollout, infrastructure projects, social agenda, and the economic reactivation are meant to be the government priorities in the last months before general elections take place. Government defined the security priorities for 2022. Among the proposed goals is to reduce homicide rates by 10% compared to the previous year as well as guaranteed security conditions along this year's electoral period. Registration process to vote for legislative elections was extended until January 13. According to the Procurator's office, 13 legislative candidates are currently disqualified from holding public office.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to Duque, Colombia's inflation rate remains low when compared to other countries of the region. The latest projections of the Ministry of Finance, set the annual inflation during 2021 at 5,6%. Dollar would remain at COP \$4,000 for much of 2022, according to experts. Colombia's public debt reaches record highs.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
564,767	33,706	443,880	1,867	70.94%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although the Delta variant continues to predominate at the national level, six provinces already report cases of Omicron. The Ministry of Health will no longer perform diagnostic tests for COVID-19 on demand, as a preventive measure to avoid possible shortages. The Agency for Quality Assurance of Health Services and Prepaid Medicine (ACCESS) has strengthened inspections in laboratories that offer COVID-19 tests. The Ecuadorian Medical Federation (FME) has made technical recommendations to the Government to avoid a possible collapse of the Health System.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers and students will be vaccinated against COVID-19 from January 10 to 16.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Petroecuador restarted the export of crude.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juan Carlos Holguín was appointed as the new Minister of Foreign Relations. The National Assembly has requested the appearance of the general director of the Ecuadorian Institute of Social Security (IESS) and of the Minister of Health to explain the debt situation with external providers.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Investment Promotion Law Project is expected to be ready at the end of January. The government plans on establishing 10 international trade agreements by 2025. The Central Bank of Ecuador forecasts that the country will grow 4% in 2021.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social organizations are preparing for the first day of mobilizations on January 19 in rejection of the economic decisions of President Lasso

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
4,136,440	300,412	3,353,723	2,293	55.93%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) authorized for emergency use the oral treatment molnupiravir for moderate COVID-19. The first case of flurone was detected in the country.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO announced the start of the booster vaccination dose for educational personnel. Mexico will receive 2.7 million doses of the Moderna's vaccine donated by the pharmaceutical.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Finance Secretariat prepared a new joint investment plan with the private initiative. President AMLO presented the socioeconomic panorama in Mexico to start 2022. The minimum wage increase of 22% enters into force.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO tested positive for COVID-19. Foreign Minister met with the president-elect of Chile, Gabriel Boric, with whom he agreed to establish a strategic alliance. Mexico's management as pro tempore president of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) concluded.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mexico requested the establishment of a T-MEC dispute settlement panel to resolve the differences regarding rules of origin for the automotive sector with the US.

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
479,971	16,684	449,317	2,296	41.59%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of COVID-19 cases correspond to the new omicron variant. • Covid-19 was positioned as the leading cause of death in the country in 2021. • Rapid self-tests to detect the coronavirus are already available for sale in the country.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-store shops join vaccination campaign from Monday. • Paraguay to receive 1,500,000 Pfizer Covid vaccines for children aged 5 to 11. • Three million people already have at least two doses of the covid vaccine • The Ministry of Health plans to start vaccinating children next week.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paraguay will require a vaccination certificate with two doses for the entry of travelers. • Paraguay extends sanitary measures for covid-19 until January 18.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-president Hugo Velázquez reactivates the State reform process in the middle of the electoral campaign. • President Abdo Benitez announced measures for producers in the face of drought effects. • Nueva Asunción and Itacuí begin schedule for municipal elections.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Bank approves financial measures to mitigate the effect of drought on agriculture. • The Executive Branch promulgated the General Budget Law of the Nation 2022. • The president vetoed the bill that aimed to give a new subsidy to merchants in border towns.

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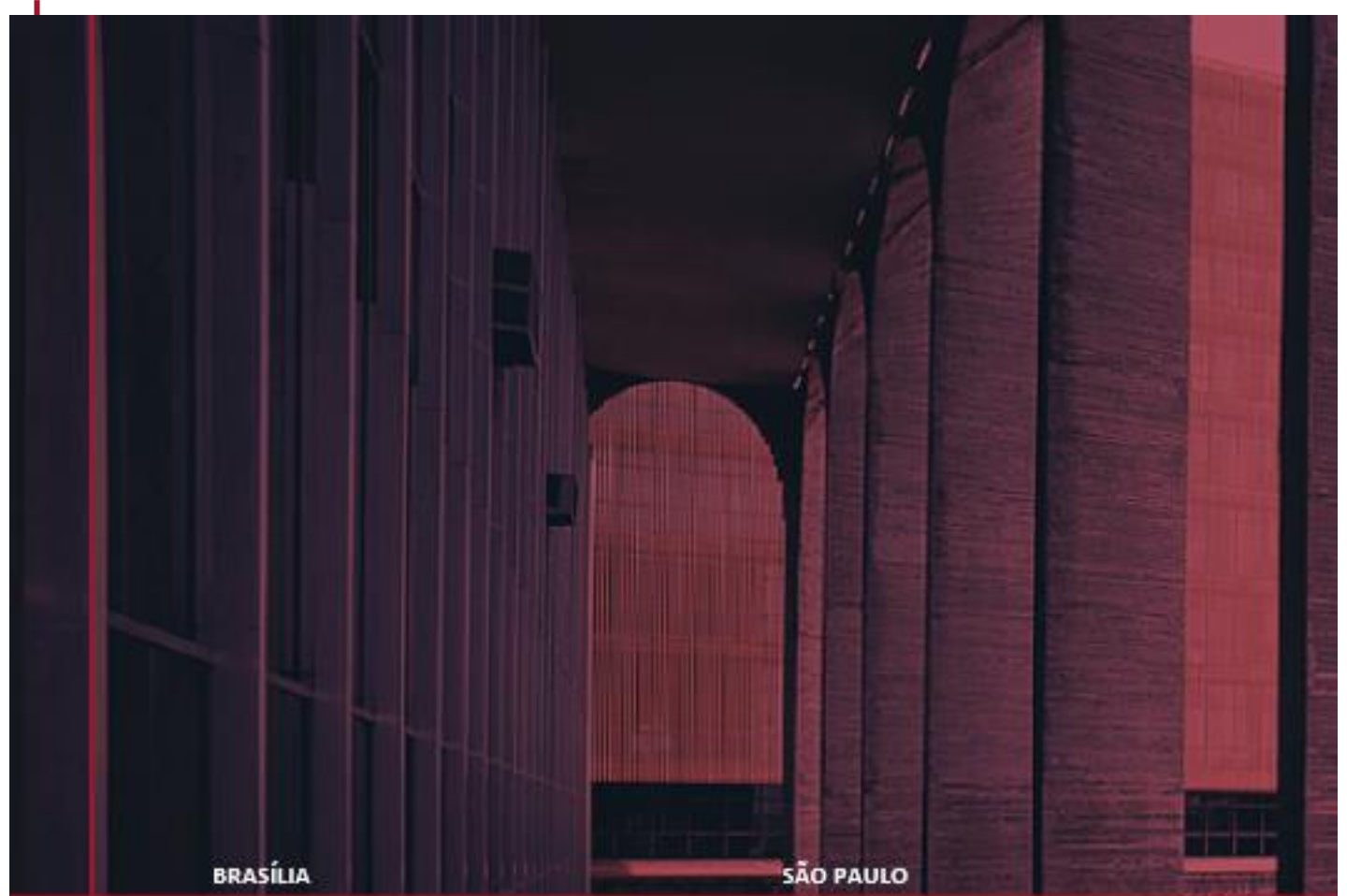
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2,388,289	203,097	-	6,032	65.62%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health demands investigation for false vaccinated in the immunization registries. Health authorities confirmed three first cases of “flurone” infections in the country. Ministry of Health increases COVID-19 discard centers with available tests.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorities enlist vaccination plan for children from 5 to 11 years old in January 18.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peru maintains closure of land borders due to pandemic and high cases of omicron. Ministry of Health analyzes reducing the days of quarantine and medical rest for those infected with COVID-19. Considering the third wave of infections, the Ministry of Health changes curfew hours for Lima and Callao
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The president of the Inter-American Development Bank, held a working meeting this week with Pedro Castillo. Group of businessmen and the Chamber of Commerce of Lima denounced the Ministry of Health for allegedly affecting the import and marketing of packaged food products. Alleged cases of nepotism by the Ministry of the Environment in charge of Ruben Ramirez denounced Bill presented to modify presidential vacancy in Congressional Regulations
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peru's Central Bank raised its Interest rate to 3%. Central Bank expects a gradual recovery in business confidence throughout 2022. Daniel Salaverry was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Perupetro


URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
456,179	6,199	406,633	1,775	76.89%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguay surpassed 40,000 coronavirus active cases for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. Government ratifies health policy and reiterates call for immunization, local press reported.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Health and Vaccine Commission will analyze a fourth dose against COVID-19. The vaccination program for foreigners in Maldonado collapsed.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension of residential visits and outings for two weeks due to increase in COVID19 cases. President Lacalle Pou stated the government is not evaluating a border closure despite the increase of cases.
Outlook	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguay ranks number one in Latin America in the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index. The country ranks 25th globally.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguayan exports of goods grew 43% in 2021 and reached USD 11,549 million.




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