

PAHO UPDATES

- **In the Region of the Americas**, an additional 151,531 cases and 4,653 deaths were reported in the past 24 hours, representing a 2.12% relative increase in cases and a 1.56% relative increase in deaths, compared to the previous day.
- Countries reporting the highest numbers of **new cases** ($\geq 1,000$) compared with the previous day are: **United States of America** (71,484 additional cases, 2.1% increase), **Brazil** (45,403 additional cases, 2.3% increase), **Colombia** (8,037 additional cases, 4.9% increase), **Mexico** (6,406 additional cases, 2.0% increase), **Peru** (3,862 additional cases, 1.1% increase), **Argentina** (3,623 additional cases, 3.3% increase), **Chile** (2,841 additional cases, 0.9% increase), **Bolivia** (1,938 additional cases, 3.7% increase), **Dominican Republic** (1,370 additional cases, 2.8% increase), **Panama** (1,130 additional cases, 2.3% increase), and **Ecuador** (1,079 additional cases, 1.5% increase).
- Compared to the previous day, the following five countries/territories have the **highest relative increase in cases**: **Suriname** (8.2%, 70 additional cases), **Curacao** (7.7%, 2 additional cases), **Costa Rica** (6.2%, 560 additional cases), **Virgin Islands, US** (5.6%, 14 additional cases), and **Puerto Rico** (5.2%, 546 additional cases).
- Transmission classification for **Bonaire**, **Curacao**, and **Sint Maarten** have each been updated from “No cases” to “**Sporadic cases.**”
- The **United States of America** accounts for 48.5% of all cases and 45.5% of all deaths for the Region of the Americas and **Brazil** accounts for 27.5% of all cases and 25.4% of all deaths. Combined, these two countries account for 76.0% of **all cases** and 70.9% of **all deaths** currently reported in the Region of the Americas.
- Countries reporting the highest numbers of **new deaths** (≥ 100) are **Brazil** (1,322 additional deaths, 1.8% increase), **Chile** (1,057 additional deaths, 14.5% increase), **United States of America** (921 additional deaths, 0.7% increase), **Mexico** (668 additional deaths, 1.8% increase), and **Colombia** (215 additional deaths, 3.7% increase).
- Compared to the previous day, the following five countries/territories have the **highest relative increase in deaths**: **Chile** (14.5%, 1057 additional deaths), **Paraguay** (8.0%, 2 additional deaths), **Suriname** (5.6%, 1 additional deaths), **Costa Rica** (5.0%, 2 additional deaths), and **Guatemala** (4.0%, 54 additional deaths).
- **The pooled crude case-fatality estimate** (the number of reported deaths divided by the reported cases) **in the Region of the Americas is 4.1%** (median country-specific estimate: 2.8%; IQR: 0.8% - 5.6%).

GLOBAL

13,768,124

cases

590,380

deaths

216

countries/areas/territories

PAHO

7,306,371

cases

302,508

deaths

54

countries/areas/territories

Table 1: Cumulative cases, deaths & crude case fatality rate (CFR%) among PAHO countries/territories with $\geq 10,000$ cumulative cases.

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
United States of America	3,544,143	137,674	3.9%
Brazil	2,012,151	76,688	3.8%
Peru	341,586	12,615	3.7%
Chile	326,539	8,347	2.6%
Mexico	324,041	37,574	11.6%
Colombia	173,206	6,029	3.5%
Argentina	114,783	2,133	1.9%
Canada	109,264	8,827	8.1%
Ecuador	72,444	5,250	7.2%
Bolivia	54,156	1,984	3.7%
Panama	50,373	1,000	2.0%
Dominican Republic	50,113	942	1.9%
Guatemala	32,939	1,404	4.3%
Honduras	30,867	835	2.7%
El Salvador	11,207	309	2.8%
Puerto Rico	11,120	177	1.6%
Venezuela	10,854	104	1.0%

GLOBAL UPDATES FROM LAST 24 HOURS

From WHO's Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard:

- There are 238,484 new confirmed cases. The 10 countries/territories/areas reporting the highest number of new cases are **United States of America**, **Brazil**, India, South Africa, Russian Federation, **Mexico**, **Colombia**, **Argentina**, **Peru**, and Saudi Arabia.
- There are 5,695 new deaths. The 10 countries/territories/areas reporting the highest number of new deaths are **Brazil**, **United States of America**, India, **Mexico**, South Africa, Iran (Islamic Republic of), **Colombia**, **Peru**, Russian Federation, and **Chile**.

PAHO HIGHLIGHTS

Brazil – The [Ministry of Health](#) has accredited 57 Community Reference Centers to help cope with increasing cases of COVID-19 in 19 cities with favelas or impacted communities. There are 45 Type 1 Centers accredited, intended to serve communities and favelas with a population of 4 to 20 thousand people and 12 Type 2 Centers for those serving a population greater than 20 thousand people.

Haiti – The [International Organization for Migration](#) (IOM) has adapted its Displacement Tracking Matrix along the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The *Flow Monitoring initiative* is being carried out at 50 Border Crossing Points between the two countries to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19. There are 6,948 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haiti as of 17 July and 50,113 cases in the Dominican Republic (See Table: Cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 17 July 2020)

MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)

As of 17 July 2020, a total of 8 countries in the Region of the Americas have officially reported a total of 355 confirmed cases, including 6 deaths, and 38 suspected cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). Since the 10 July MIS-C update, one additional country, Argentina, is reporting official cases of MIS-C. There are 157 new confirmed cases, including 2 new deaths since the previous update. Countries reporting official cases are **Argentina** (1 confirmed case), **Chile** (6 confirmed cases*), the **Dominican Republic** (1 confirmed case), **Ecuador** (1 confirmed case, 37 suspected cases), **Honduras** (2 confirmed cases, 1 suspected case), **Paraguay** (1 confirmed case), **Peru** (1 confirmed case), and the **United States of America** (342 confirmed cases including 6 deaths).

In **Argentina**, the newly reported case is in a male aged 0-4 years who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. The **United States of America** accounts for 96% of the officially reported confirmed cases within the Region of the Americas, while **Ecuador** accounts for 97% of the officially reported suspected cases within the Region.

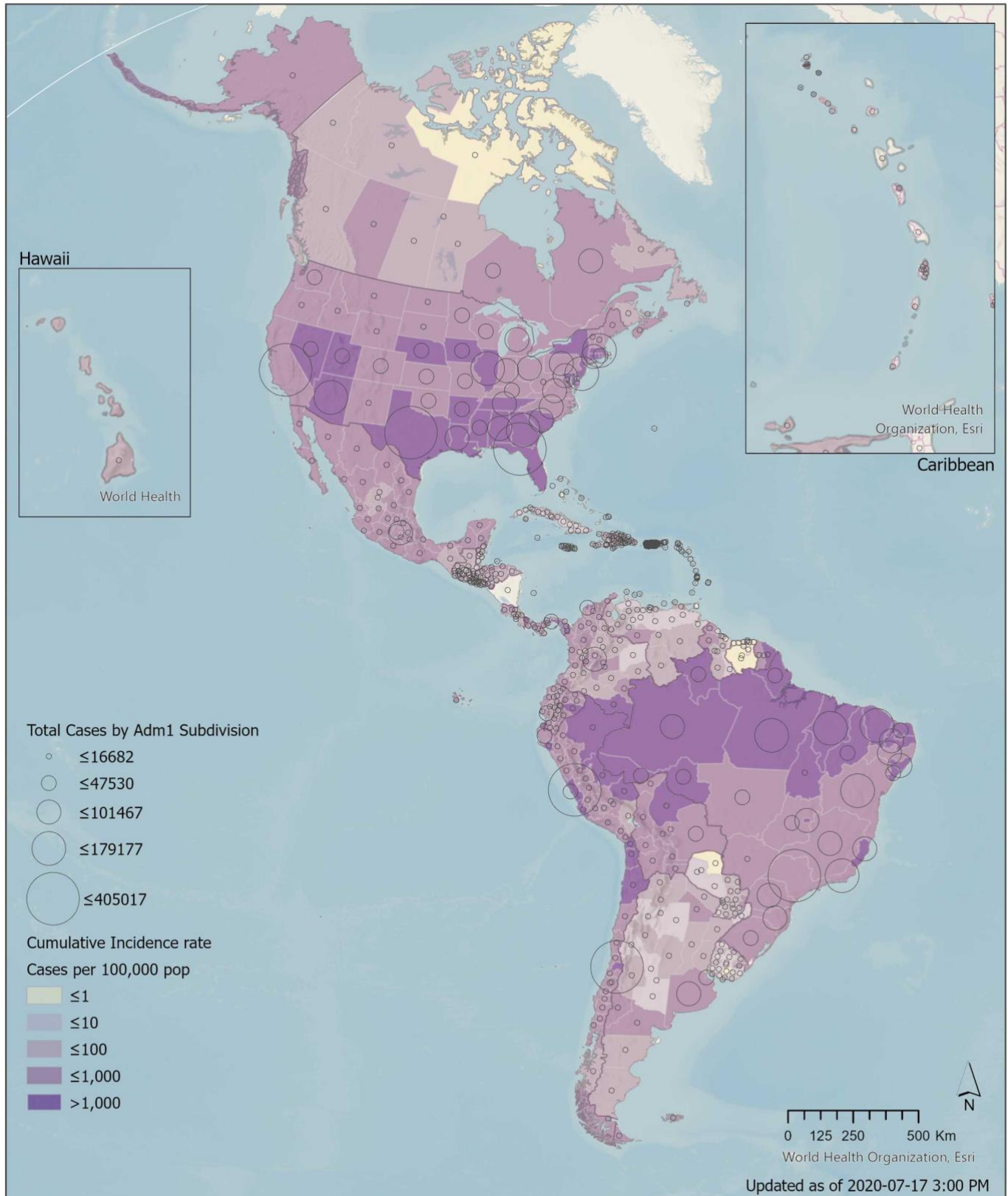
In the **United States of America**, according to the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (US CDC), as of 15 July, the 342 confirmed cases, including 6 deaths, were reported by 37 jurisdictions (36 states and the District of Columbia). The majority of cases, 81%, were reported between epidemiological week (EW) 23 and EW 25. As part of the MIS-C case definition, all cases were among individuals under 21 years of age; the age range among reported cases was less than one year of age to 20 years of age and the average age was 8 years (compared to a median age of 9 from the last update). Among cases with available information, 55% were male (a 7% decrease since the last update); 38% were Hispanic/Latino (a 7% increase since the last update) and 33% were Non-Hispanic Black (an 8% increase since the last update). Ninety-six percent of MIS-C cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 and most developed MIS-C approximately 2-4 weeks after infection with SARS-CoV-2. A [study evaluating patients admitted for MIS-C](#) at participating health centers in the **United States of America** from 15 March to 20 May 20 2020 was recently published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

In **Ecuador**, according to the [Ministry of Public Health](#) Bulletin number 003 on MIS-C in Children and Adolescent under 19, as of 1 July, the 37 suspected cases were reported between EW 19 and EW 26. Suspected cases were reported in the provinces of Guayas (10 cases), Manabi (8 cases), Pichincha (8 cases), Los Rios (7 cases), and 1 each in Azuay, Bolivar, Santo Domingo, and Tungurahua. By municipality, the majority were reported by Guayaquil Municipality (8 cases, 22%) in Guayas Province, with 6 of the cases reported in a single parish, Tarqui. Overall, 51% of the cases are female, 81% of the cases were reported between EW 23 and EW 25, and 32% were aged 1-4 years.

According to unofficial reports, at least 4 additional countries within the Region of the Americas have reported suspected cases of MIS-C: **Bolivia**, **Brazil**, **Canada**, and **Mexico**.

*All confirmed cases were reported from one hospital in the country, available at: <https://bit.ly/2Zh9Fbm>

Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory. As of 17 July 2020.

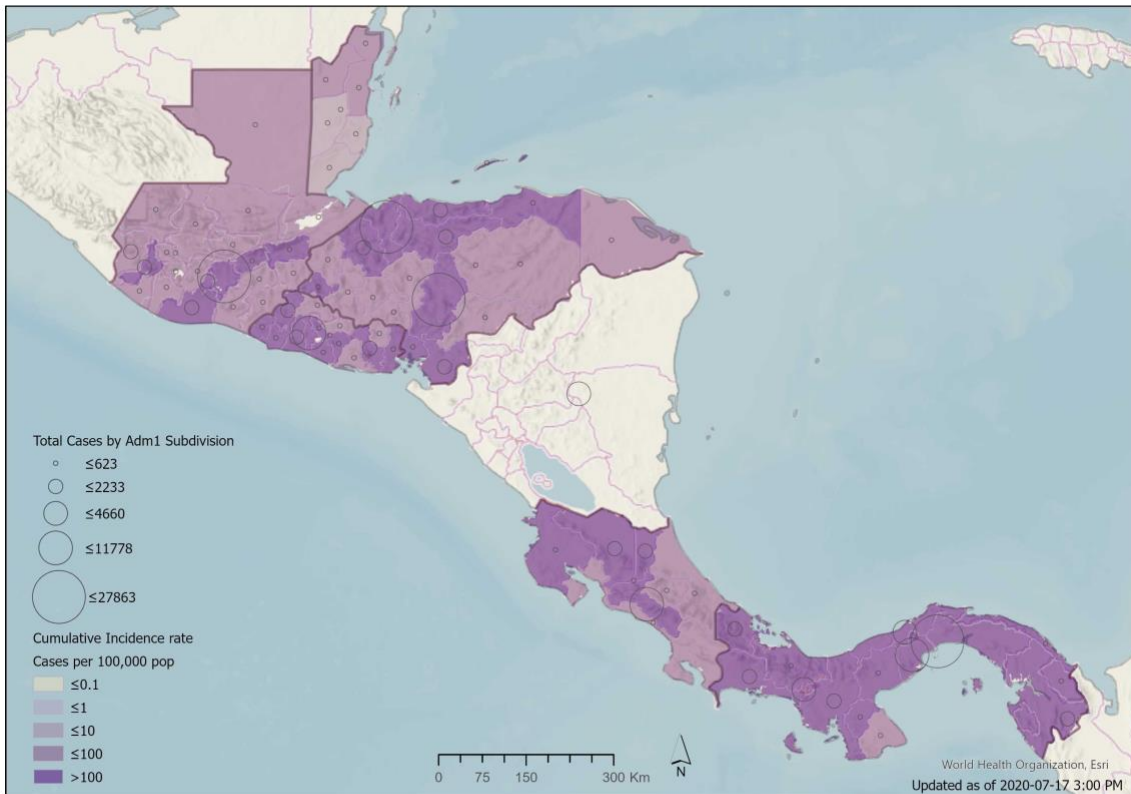


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Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 17 July 2020.

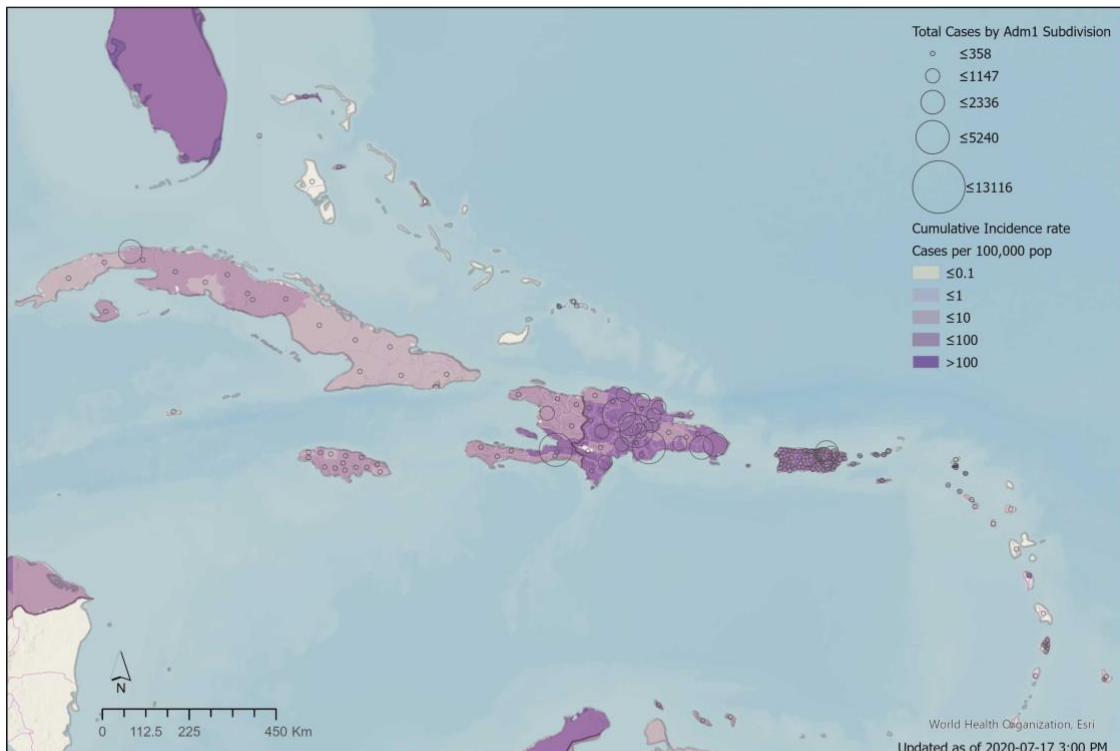


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Map 3. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 17 July 2020.



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Cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 17 July 2020

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	% Relative Increase in Cases	Transmission Type
North America	Canada	109,264	8,827	72,836	0%	Community transmission
	Mexico	324,041	37,574	203,464	2%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)	3,544,143	137,674	1,090,282	2%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	3,977,448	184,075	1,366,582	2%	
Central America	Belize	40	2	22	3%	Sporadic cases
	Costa Rica	9,546	42	2,673	6%	Community transmission
	El Salvador	11,207	309	6,422	2%	Community transmission
	Guatemala	32,939	1,404	4,807	3%	Community transmission
	Honduras	30,867	835	3,420	3%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua	2,712	99	2,282	0%	Community transmission
	Panama	50,373	1,000	25,842	2%	Community transmission
Subtotal	137,684	3,691	45,468	3%		
South America	Argentina	114,783	2,133	49,780	3%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)	54,156	1,984	16,979	4%	Community transmission
	Brazil	2,012,151	76,688	1,296,328	2%	Community transmission
	Chile	326,539	8,347	296,814	1%	Community transmission
	Colombia	173,206	6,029	76,164	5%	Community transmission
	Ecuador	72,444	5,250	31,404	2%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	3,342	27	1,379	5%	Community transmission
	Peru	341,586	12,615	230,994	1%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	1,026	32	916	2%	Clusters of cases
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	10,854	104	3,255	4%	Community transmission	
Subtotal	3,110,087	113,209	2,004,013	2%		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	3		3	0%	No Cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	74	3	57	0%	Cluster of cases
	Aruba	108	3	100	2%	Sporadic cases
	Bahamas (the)	124	11	91	4%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	104	7	90	0%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	152	9	137	1%	Sporadic cases
	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba	10		7	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	203	1	200	0%	Clusters of cases
	Cuba	2,444	87	2,300	0%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	28	1	24	8%	Sporadic cases
	Dominica	18		18	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	50,113	942	24,423	3%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	13		13	0%	No Cases
	French Guiana	6,509	34	3,932	2%	Community transmission
	Grenada	23		23	0%	Clusters of cases
	Guadeloupe	195	14	172	3%	Clusters of cases
	Guyana	315	19	156	1%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	6,948	145	3,606	1%	Community transmission
	Jamaica	765	10	675	0%	Clusters of cases
	Martinique	261	15	98	2%	Clusters of cases
	Montserrat	12	1	8	0%	No Cases
	Puerto Rico	11,120	177		5%	Community transmission
	Saint Barthelemy	6		6	0%	No Cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	17		15	0%	No Cases
	Saint Lucia	23		19	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Martin	46	3	37	5%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	4		2	0%	Sporadic cases
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	35		29	0%	Sporadic cases	
Sint Maarten	79	15	63	0%	Sporadic cases	
Suriname	919	19	582	8%	Clusters of cases	
Trinidad and Tobago	136	8	124	2%	Sporadic cases	
Turks and Caicos	74	2	11	3%	Clusters of cases	
Virgin Islands (UK)	8	1	7	0%	No Cases	
Virgin Islands (US)	263	6	126	6%	Clusters of cases	
Subtotal	81,152	1,533	37,154	3%		
Total	7,306,371	302,508	3,453,217	2%		

Table notes on the next page

NOTES: Case and death counts may include both confirmed and probable classifications depending on the reporting Member State. Recovered counts as indicated and defined by reporting Member States. To date, rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) are not recommended for use by WHO. Data is updated on a weekly basis for Guadeloupe, Martinique, Nicaragua, Saint Barthelemy, and Saint Martin.

United States of America: Case and death counts includes both confirmed and probable classifications, as published on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC) website on 17 July (for data confirmed at 16:00 EST the previous day). Excludes counts for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. Source: <https://bit.ly/2WJN2dd>. Recovered counts as reported by state and territorial health authorities, available at the COVID Tracking Project <https://bit.ly/2ztbRC6>

Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba: On 17 July, the Netherlands IHR National Focal Point (NFP) reported the transmission classification for Bonaire has been updated from No cases to Sporadic cases due to recently reported active confirmed cases, while the classifications for Sint Eustatius and Saba remain as No cases. Therefore, the highest classification for all 3 islands will be used by PAHO/WHO, designated as Sporadic cases.

Chile: Confirmed cases include both symptomatic and asymptomatic PCR-positive cases, as defined by Chile MoH. Recovered cases are calculated as the total number of cases minus active cases and deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2KQ99Jw>.

Ecuador: Aggregated case total as reported by the Ecuador Ministry of Public Health (63,488 positive by RT-PCR + 8,956 by RDTs). To date, these RDTs are not recommended for use by WHO. The Ecuador Ministry of Public Health reports an additional 3370 'probable deaths' under investigation that are not included in this table. Recovered counts are the sum of the recovered patients, hospital discharges, and epidemiological discharges as per the Ecuador Ministry of Public Health. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2RZtqjR>

Mexico: Recovered counts as reported by the Mexico MoH, as defined as all those positive for SARS-CoV-2 with a symptom onset date of more than 14 days, with no date of death, available at: <https://bit.ly/3blOdzo>

Nicaragua: On 14 July, the Nicaragua IHR NFP reported to PAHO/WHO a total of 2,682 confirmed cases including 99 deaths, 2,282 recovered cases, and 301 active cases.

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH (90,047 by RT-PCR + 251,539 by RDTs). To date, these RDTs are not recommended for use by WHO.

Puerto Rico: Aggregated case total as reported by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH); 3,272 were positive by RT-PCR and 7,848 were positive by serological tests. Total deaths include probable deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2VvjksQ>