

PAHO UPDATES

- **In the Region of the Americas**, an additional 109,052 cases and 2,240 deaths were reported in the past 24 hours, representing a 1.42% relative increase in cases and a 0.72% 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** (57,276 additional cases, 1.5% increase), **Brazil** (20,257 additional cases, 1.0% increase), **Colombia** (6,727 additional cases, 3.4% increase), **Mexico** (5,172 additional cases, 1.5% increase), **Peru** (4,091 additional cases, 1.2% increase), **Argentina** (4,019 additional cases, 3.2% increase), **Chile** (1,654 additional cases, 0.5% increase), **Ecuador** (1,597 additional cases, 2.1%), **the Bolivia** (1,409 additional cases, 2.4% increase), and **Guatemala** (1,190 additional cases, 3.0% increase).
- Compared to the previous day, the following countries/territories have a **relative increase in cases** $\geq 5\%$: **Bahamas** (13.7%, 21 additional cases), **Nicaragua** (10.8%, 292 additional cases), **Belize** (5.0%, 2 additional cases), and **Suriname** (4.9%, 50 additional cases).
- Countries reporting the highest numbers of **new deaths** (≥ 100) are: **Brazil** (632 additional deaths, 0.8% increase), **United States of America** (473 additional deaths, 0.3% increase), **Mexico** (301 additional deaths, 0.8% increase), **Peru** (197 additional deaths, 1.5% increase), **Colombia** (193 additional deaths, 2.9% increase), and **Argentina** (145 additional deaths, 6.4% increase).
- Compared to the previous day, the following countries/territories have a **relative increase in deaths** $\geq 5\%$: **Nicaragua** (9.1%, 9 additional deaths), **Costa Rica** (6.5%, 4 additional deaths), and **Paraguay** (6.5% increase, 4 additional death).
- **United States of America** accounts for 48.7% of all cases and 44.8% of all deaths for the Region of the Americas and **Brazil** accounts for 27.1% of all cases and 25.5% of all deaths. Combined, these two countries account for 75.8% of **all cases** and 70.3% of **all deaths** currently reported in the Region of the Americas.
- **The pooled crude case-fatality estimate** (the number of reported deaths divided by the reported cases) **in the Region of the Americas** is 4.0% (median country-specific estimate: 2.7%; IQR: (0.9% - 5.4%).
- **Countries/territories/areas with no new cases for >14 days**: Saint-Barthélemy (112 days), Anguilla (108 days), Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (86 days), British Virgin Islands (66 days), Grenada (55 days), Dominica (38 days).

GLOBAL UPDATES FROM LAST 24 HOURS

From WHO's summary concerning COVID-19:

- 214,378 new confirmed cases: **United States of America**, India, **Brazil**, South Africa, **Colombia**, Russian Federation, **Mexico**, Spain, **Argentina** and **Peru** are the 10 countries reporting the highest number of new cases.
- 4,096 new deaths: **Brazil**, India, **United States of America**, **Mexico**, **Colombia**, Iran, Islamic Republic of, **Peru**, Russian Federation, South Africa, and **Chile** are the 10 countries reporting the highest number of new deaths.

In his regular media briefing, [WHO Director-General Dr Tedros reiterated the importance of contact tracing in all communities affected by COVID-19](#), stating that "No country can get control of its epidemic if it doesn't know where the virus is"

GLOBAL

14,671,602

cases

610,021

deaths

216

countries/areas/territories

PAHO

7,811,127

cases

313,809

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	3,805,524	140,437	3.7%
Brazil	2,118,646	81,120	3.8%
Peru	357,681	13,384	3.7%
Mexico	349,396	39,485	11.3%
Chile	334,683	8,677	2.6%
Colombia	204,005	6,929	3.4%
Argentina	130,774	2,426	1.9%
Canada	111,124	8,858	8.0%
Ecuador	76,217	5,366	7.0%
Bolivia	60,991	2,218	3.6%
Dominican Republic	54,797	999	1.8%
Panama	54,426	1,127	2.1%
Guatemala	40,229	1,531	3.8%
Honduras	34,611	935	2.7%
Puerto Rico	12,940	180	1.4%
El Salvador	12,582	352	2.8%
Venezuela	12,334	116	0.9%
Costa Rica	11,534	66	0.6%

PAHO HIGHLIGHTS

Many indigenous communities in the region which include some of the most vulnerable populations continue to be affected by the pandemic.

In Brazil, 9 tons of food and medical supplies along with reinforcement of health officials were delivered to approximately two thousand indigenous people of the Tiriyo and Kaxuyana ethnic groups, who live in Indigenous lands between the states of Pará and Amapá, on the border with Suriname. Of the 433 tested with Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs), 91 were positive. [MoH](#)

According to a recent [New York Times report](#), more than 1,000 nurses and doctors who are part of the federal indigenous health service, known as SESAI in Brazil tested positive for COVID-19 as of July 2020. The Times found that in at least six field offices, the proportion of infected workers was above the Amazon region's average of 8 % for the general population. In particular, two field offices had extraordinarily high rates of infection – the office in charge of the state of Amapá and the northern part of the state of Pará with 186 workers testing positive (50% of staff) and the office covering the Yanomami community, which stretches along the border between Brazil and Venezuela with 207 officials testing positive - more than 20 % of the medical staff.

In Guyana, 21 indigenous communities in the Alto Takutu-Essequibo region (Region 9) on the border with Brazil have enacted a lockdown to prevent the spread of the virus in the localities. To date five cases were reported in three communities and the local government is requesting the removal of mining as an essential activity in the region. Indigenous leaders also said that there is little support at the Lethem Regional Hospital, which only allows people in serious condition to be tested. [Media](#)

In Ecuador, the Sapara indigenous community in Pastaza province, located in country's Amazon declared a state of emergency with isolation in their territories after 20 confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported. Between 14 – 17 July two communities were tested – Sapara population in the Masaramo-Jandiyacu and Conambo communities – and in one (Masaramo-Jandiyacu), 19 out of 51 tested were positive (37% positivity). In Conambo community, 1 case was detected among 20 that were tested (5% positivity). Even more worrisome is the fact that Sapara community only has about 500 inhabitants. [Media](#)

COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT - CUBA

Cuba PAHO/WHO Country Office Situation Report. 20 July 2020.

Reporting Period: 13 – 19 July 2020

18 new confirmed cases of covid-19 (30 less than the previous week, 62.5% decrease), without any fatalities were reported

94.4% of the cases of the week reside in Havana Province which contributes 56.9% of the total cases of the country to date.

For the first time, no positive case was registered all day on 19 July. It had also been two days without diagnosing any autochthonous cases.

As of 19 July, it had been 3 days without severe cases and 24 days without critical cases.

In the last 14 days no cases have been reported in Health workers.

The incidence rate of new cases in the last 14 days was 0.2 cases per 100,000 population.

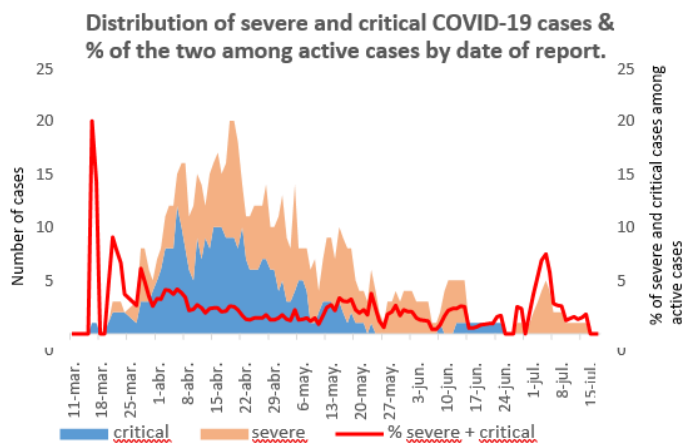
A total of 21,259 PCR tests were carried during the week (321 less than in the previous week with decrease of 1.5%). As of 19 July, a cumulative total of 229,357 tests had been carried out in Cuba (2,038 tests per 100,000 population).

To date 277 minors have been diagnosed and 272 (98.2%) have recovered. There have been no serious cases or deaths in this cohort.

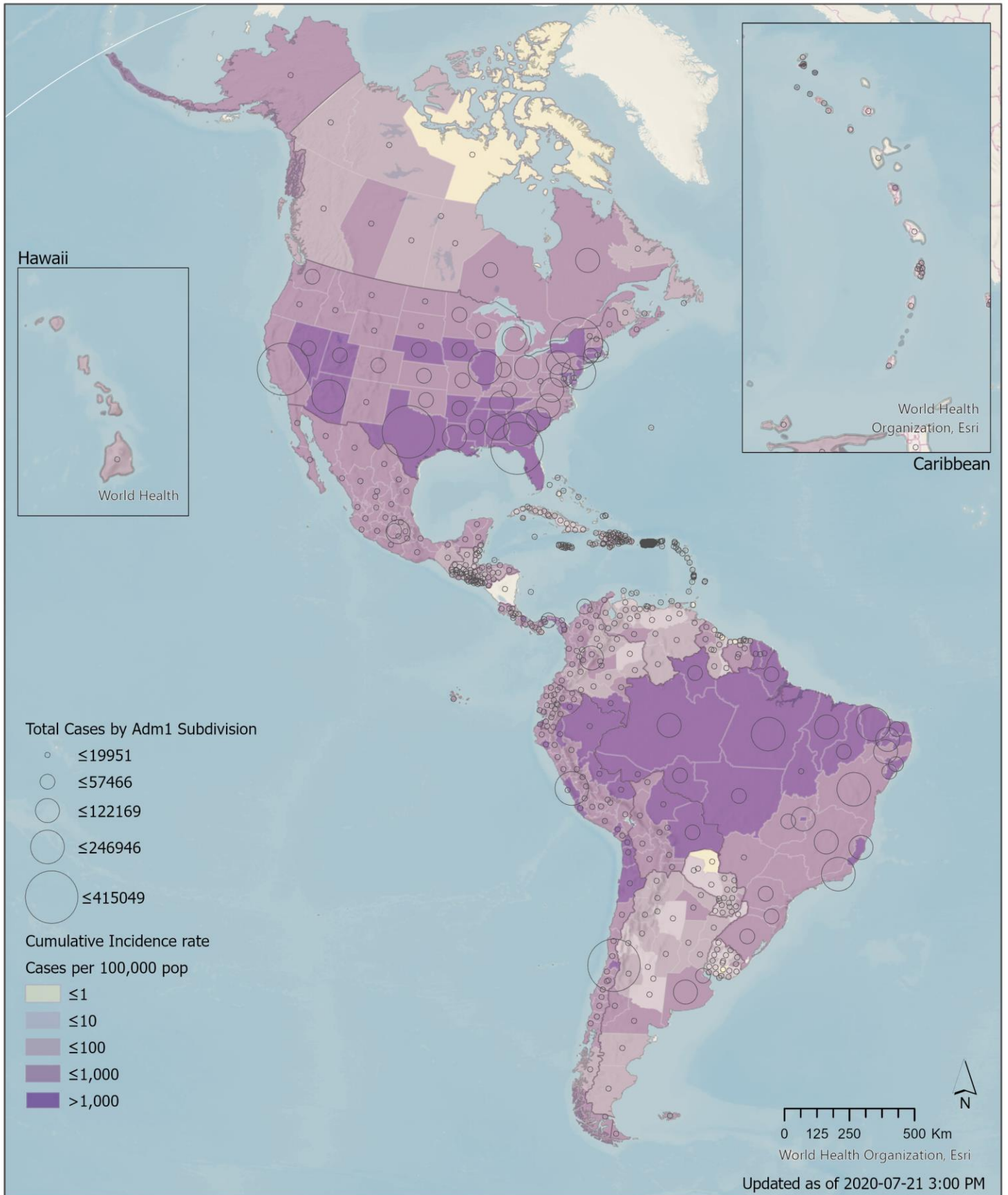
As of 19 July, a cumulative total of 2446 cases were reported (cumulative incidence: 21.7 cases per 100,000 population) including 87 deaths (crude case fatality rate: 3.5%). Of the total, 2,319 (95%) patients have recovered.

Follow-up 2 local transmission events in Havana

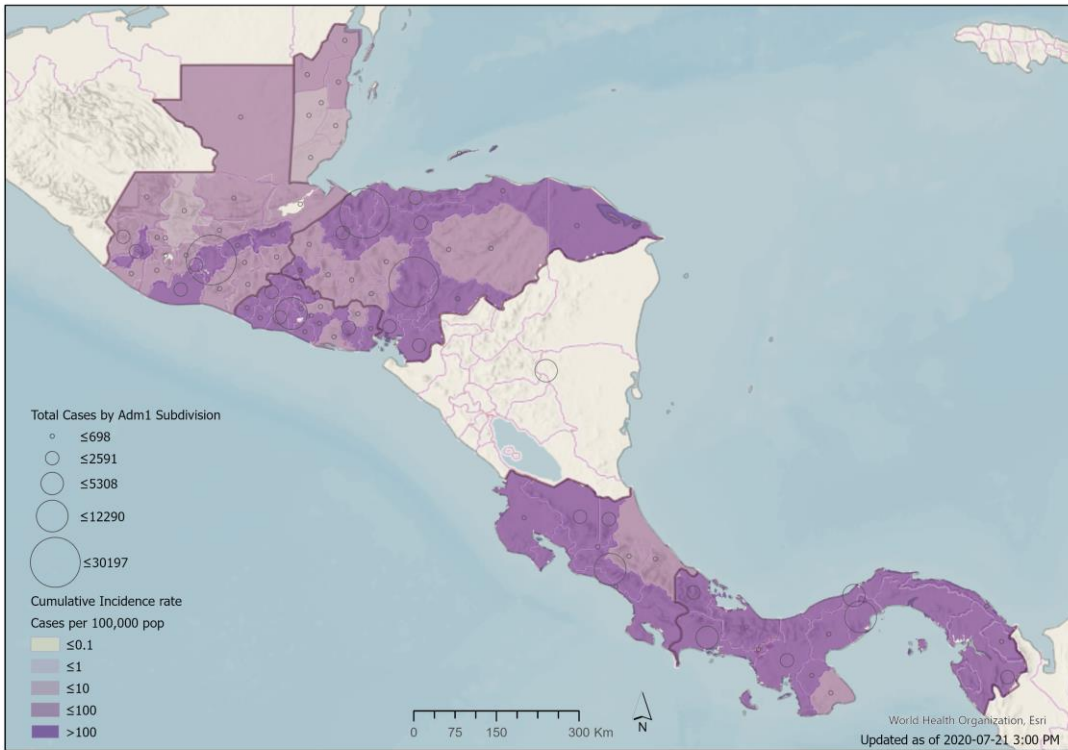
83.3% of the cases detected in the week have been asymptomatic at the time of the diagnosis, 88.9% have been contacts of confirmed cases, 5.6% have acquired the infection abroad and the source of infection could not be identified for 5.6%.



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 21 July 2020.

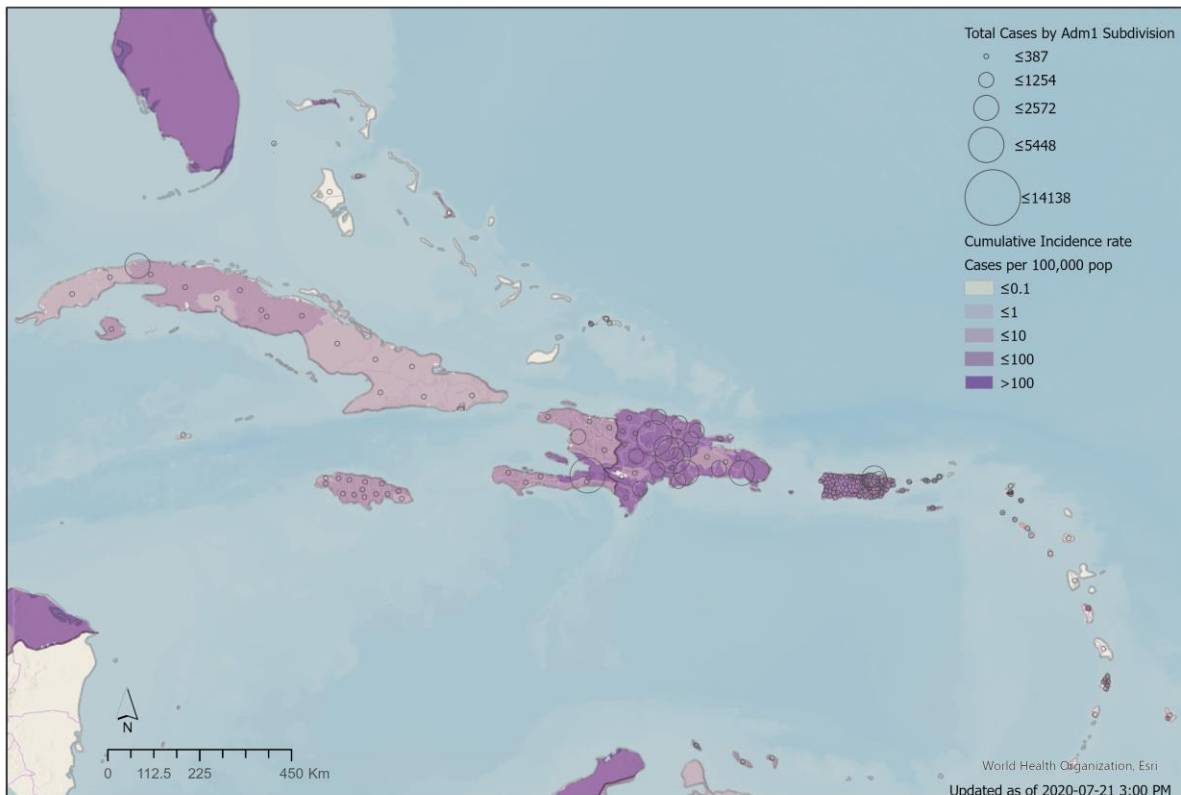


Map 2. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Central American sub-region and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory (sub-national level). As of 21 July 2020.



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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 21 July 2020.



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Cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 21 July 2020

Updated as of 3 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	% Relative Increase in Cases	Transmission Type
North America	Canada	111,124	8,858	97,474	1%	Community transmission
	Mexico	349,396	39,485	222,068	2%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)	3,805,524	140,437	1,159,688	2%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	4,266,044	188,780	1,479,230	2%	
Central America	Belize	42	2	22	5%	Sporadic cases
	Costa Rica	11,534	66	3,019	4%	Community transmission
	El Salvador	12,582	352	6,965	3%	Community transmission
	Guatemala	40,229	1,531	26,685	3%	Community transmission
	Honduras	34,611	935	3,905	2%	Community transmission
	Nicaragua	3,004	108	2,492	11%	Community transmission
	Panama	54,426	1,127	29,164	2%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	156,428	4,121	72,252	3%	
South America	Argentina	130,774	2,426	58,598	3%	Community transmission
	Bolivia (the Plurinational State of)	60,991	2,218	18,875	2%	Community transmission
	Brazil	2,118,646	80,120	1,409,202	1%	Community transmission
	Chile	334,683	8,677	306,816	0%	Community transmission
	Colombia	204,005	6,929	95,804	3%	Community transmission
	Ecuador	76,217	5,366	32,725	2%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	3,748	33	2,171	1%	Community transmission
	Peru	357,681	13,384	245,081	1%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	1,064	33	927	1%	Clusters of cases
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	12,334	116	6,728	4%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	3,300,143	119,302	2,176,927	1%	
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	3		3	0%	No Cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	76	3	57	0%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba	115	3	100	2%	Sporadic cases
	Bahamas (the)	174	11	91	14%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	106	7	91	1%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	153	9	137	0%	Sporadic cases
	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba	10		7	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	203	1	200	0%	Sporadic cases
	Cuba	2,449	87	2,321	0%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	28	1	25	0%	Sporadic cases
	Dominica	18		18	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	54,797	999	25,976	2%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	13		13	0%	No Cases
	French Guiana	6,851	39	4,996	2%	Community transmission
	Grenada	23		23	0%	Clusters of cases
	Guadeloupe	195	14	172	0%	Clusters of cases
	Guyana	337	19	163	0%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	7,100	151	4,095	1%	Community transmission
	Jamaica	809	10	706	2%	Clusters of cases
	Martinique	262	15	98	0%	Clusters of cases
	Montserrat	12	1	8	0%	No Cases
	Puerto Rico	12,940	180	0	4%	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	39	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	4		2	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	50		29	0%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten	79	15	63	0%	Sporadic cases
	Suriname	1,079	21	656	5%	Clusters of cases
	Trinidad and Tobago	137	8	124	0%	Sporadic cases
Turks and Caicos	81	2	21	0%	Clusters of cases	
Virgin Islands (UK)	8	1	7	0%	No Cases	
Virgin Islands (US)	308	6	135	4%	Clusters of cases	
Subtotal	88,512	1,606	40,416	2%		
Total	7,811,127	313,809	3,768,825	1%		

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, 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 21 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. Sources: <https://bit.ly/2WJN2dd> and <https://bit.ly/2zUMSZ1>. 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 21 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 the Chile MoH. Total deaths include probable deaths. Recovered cases are based on symptom onset date. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2KQ99Jw> and <https://bit.ly/3hJUtuI>

Ecuador: Aggregated case total as reported by the Ecuador Ministry of Public Health (67621 positives by RT-PCR + 8956 by RDTs). To date, these RDTs are not recommended for use by WHO. The Ecuador Ministry of Public Health reports an additional 3400 '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>

Guatemala: As of 19 July, recovered cases include non-deceased cases for which 21 days have passed since the date of sample collection. Available at: <https://tablerocovid.mspas.gob.gt/>

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/3bIODz0>

Nicaragua: On 21 July, the Nicaragua IHR NFP reported to PAHO/WHO a total of 2,892 confirmed cases including 108 deaths and 2,492 recovered cases.

Peru: Aggregated case total as reported by the Peru MoH (95340 by RT-PCR + 258250 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); 4011 were positive by RT-PCR and 8450 were positive by serological tests. Total deaths include probable deaths. Available at: <https://bit.ly/2VvjksQ>