

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde



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Editorial

With a cumulative rate below 25 cases per 100 thousands of residents in the islands of Sal and Boavista, main tourist destinations in Cape Verde, the government continues with its program for valuing tourism professionals. Namely taxists and tourism guides. Thousands have already been formed, not just in health safety, but also in the recycling and improvement of its language skills, professional ethics, knowledge of history, culture, gastronomy, communication, and public relations. This way, it is intended that, due to the less level of activity, time is taken to prepare and transform into more efficient professionals and worthy ambassadors of tourism.

All this for a new, diversified tourism, with even more quality and sustainable!

Current Situation

At the end of the sixth epidemiological week of 2021, Cape Verde registered 14761 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, 14 of February, the country reported 377 active cases, 14240 cumulative recovered cases, and 139 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 6, the country registered three (3) deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 5 and 6 (01/02/2021 to 14/02/2021), the country recorded 645 new cases of COVID-19. During this period, only the island of Brava reported no cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection (*Table 1*).

Table 1. Number of cases and incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days of COVID-19 per 100 thousand inhabitants, 01/02/2021 to 14/02/2021

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	15	41
São Vicente	228	266
São Nicolau	39	329
Sal	6	14
Boa Vista	2	10
Maio	5	65
Santiago	276	90
Fogo	74	227
Brava	0	0
Cabo Verde	645	115

Sources: Integrated Surveillance and Response Department, National Directorate of Health, Ministry of Health as of 14/02/2021**

Between 01/02/2021 to 14/02/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 115 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of São Nicolau reported the highest incidence rate of 329 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands of São Vicente (266) and Fogo (227). The cumulative incidence rate remains under 25 cases per 100 000 inhabitants on the islands of Sal, Boa Vista, and Brava (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 6, a total of 4877 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR, GeneXpert®, and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods. In this week, the country registered a positivity rate of 6.5% and a testing rate of 866 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of São Nicolau, Santo Antão, São Vicente, and Santiago reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 6, with 11.6%, 11.4%, 6.9%, and 6.9%, respectively (*Table 2*).

Table 2. Number of cases, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 06 (08/02/2021 to 14/02/2021) by island

Ilha	Nº of tests performed*	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	255	11,4	687
São Vicente	1431	6,9	1670
São Nicolau	173	11,6	1447
Sal	367	0,0	863
Boavista	16	6,3	76
Maio	229	1,7	2956
Santiago	1994	6,9	629
Fogo	408	5,9	1178
Brava	4	0,0	75
Cabo Verde	4877	6,5	866

*Total number of RT-PCR and Ag-RDT tests performed

Sources: Virology laboratories of the National Institute of Public Health, Surveillance and Response Department, National Directorate of Health, Ministry of Health, as of 14/02/21

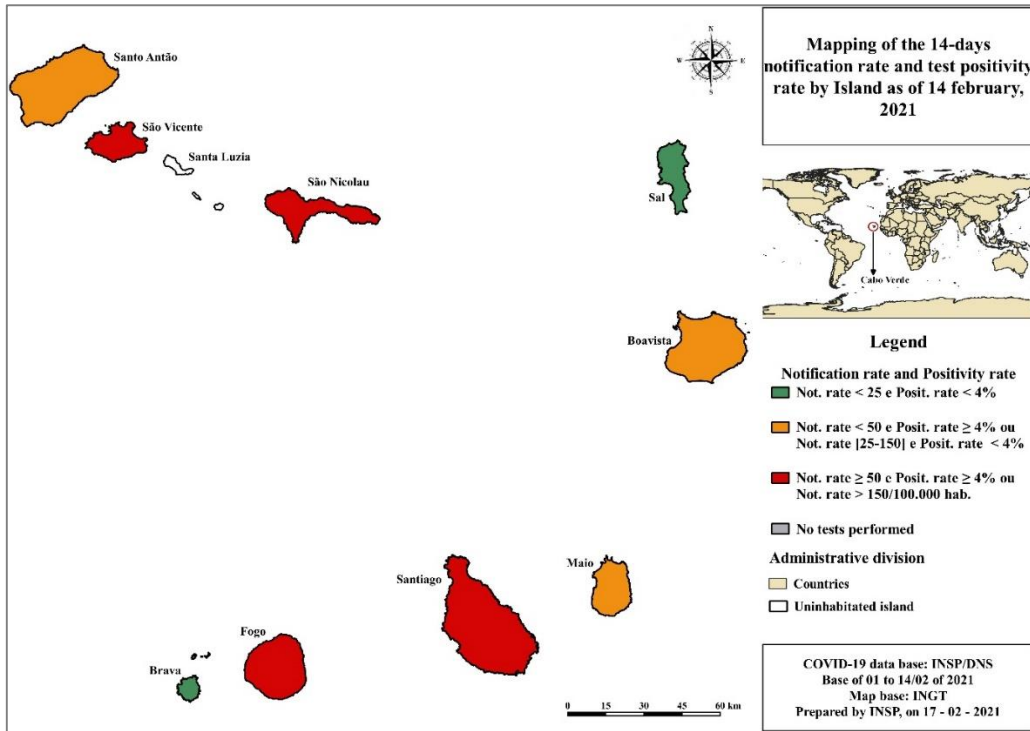


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (01/02/2021 to 14/02/2021) and testing rate in the previous week (08/02/2021 to 14/02/2021) by island¹.

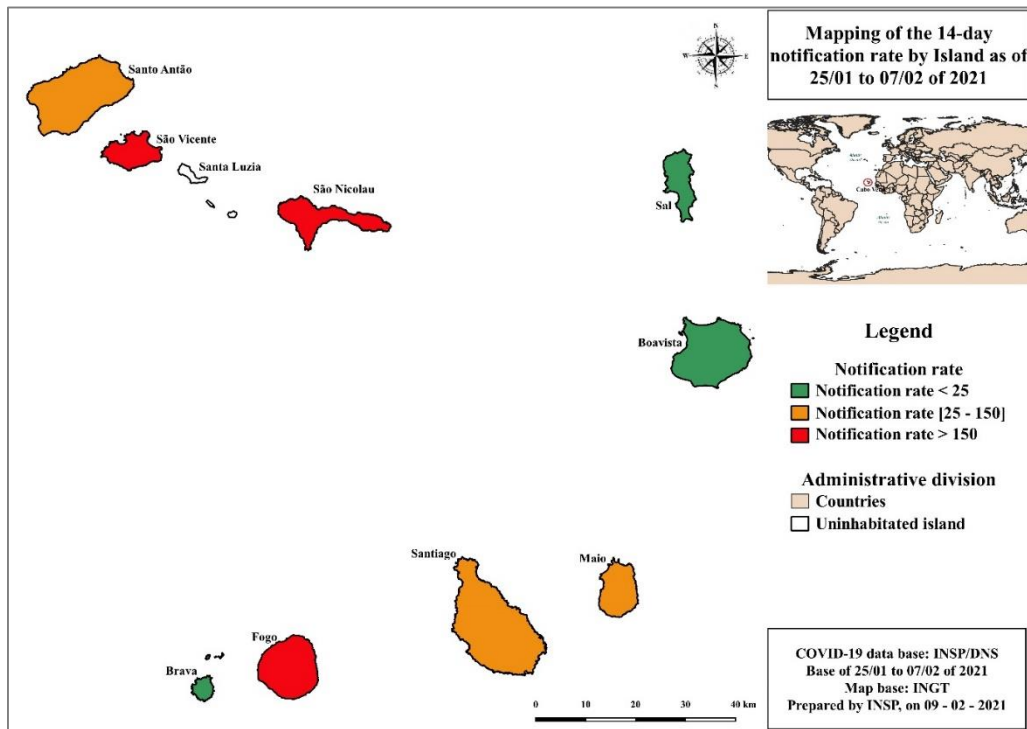


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (01/02/2021 to 14/02/2021) by island²

¹ Map elaborated in accordance with resolution n° 169/2020. Cabo Verde, *BOLETIM OFICIAL*, Cabo Verde: Boletim Oficial I serie, numero 132 de 19 de novembro de 2020, 2020, p. 2945.

² Map elaborated in accordance with resolution n° 156/2020. Cabo Verde, *BOLETIM OFICIAL, SUPLEMENTO*. Cabo Verde: Boletim Oficial I serie, numero 135 de 14 de dezembro de 2020, 2020, p. 10.

Criteria for conducting inter-island tests



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Realização de testes para viagem interilhas (aéreas ou marítimas)*

Origem	Destino	Necessidade de realização de teste para viagem	
		Sim	Não
Santo Antão	S. Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista, Maio e Brava	X	
Santo Antão	São Vicente, Santiago e Fogo		X
São Vicente	S. Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista, Santiago, Maio, Fogo e Brava	X	
São Vicente	Santo Antão		X
São Nicolau	Sal, Boa Vista, Maio e Brava	X	
São Nicolau	Santiago, Fogo, S. Vicente e S. Antão		X
Sal	para qualquer ilha		X
Boa Vista	para qualquer ilha		X
Maio	Santo Antão, S. Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista, Santiago, Fogo e Brava	X	
Maio	São Vicente		X
Santiago	S. Antão, S. Vicente, S. Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista, Maio, Fogo e Brava	X	
Fogo	S. Antão, S. Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista, Santiago, Maio e Brava	X	
Fogo	São Vicente		X
Brava	para qualquer ilha		X

*informação será atualizada conforme evolução da situação epidemiológica da COVID-19 em cada ilha a cada 15 dias

■ Taxa de incidência acumulada nos últimos 14 dias superior a 150 por 100 mil habitantes

■ Taxa de incidência acumulada nos últimos 14 dias entre 25 e 150 por 100 mil habitantes

■ Taxa de incidência acumulada nos últimos 14 dias inferior a 25 por 100 mil habitantes

- Considerando que o número de habitantes na ilha do Maio é muito baixo, decidiu-se que é exigido a realização de testes para os passageiros com origem nas ilhas de Santo Antão, São Vicente, Fogo e Santiago, até 72 horas antes da data da viagem.
- As crianças com idade inferior a 7 anos estão isentas da realização de teste para viagens entre as ilhas.

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