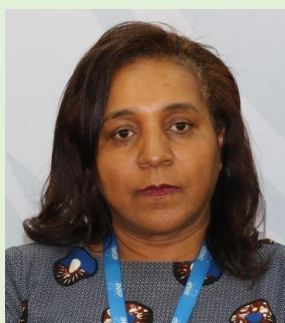


## Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde



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### Editorial

COVID-19 continues to increase worldwide, and in some countries the third wave is already in sight or is installed. Access to vaccines remains a real challenge, exposing inequalities between countries.

According to our leaders, Cabo Verde already has all the conditions for acquiring vaccines, both from the COVAX project with the WHO support and with financial resources mobilized by the Government for this purpose.

At a time, the circulation of variants in the country has already been confirmed, apparently without a significant impact on the number of reported cases. There is a need to reinforce the implementation of preventive measures to better control the pandemic. Risk communication related to COVID-19 will be reinforced by encouraging personal responsibility in the implementation of preventive measures.

### Current Situation

At the end of the eighth epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 15432 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, 28 of February, the country reported 397 active cases, 14875 cumulative recovered cases, and 147 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 7, the country registered three (3) deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 7 and 8 (15/02/2021 to 28/02/2021), the country recorded 667 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, 15/02/2021 to 28/02/2021*

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
<b>Santo Antão</b>	16	41
<b>São Vicente</b>	181	211
<b>São Nicolau</b>	35	297
<b>Sal</b>	20	47
<b>Boa Vista</b>	32	153
<b>Maio</b>	4	52
<b>Santiago</b>	363	119
<b>Fogo</b>	16	49
<b>Brava</b>	0	0
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	667	118

Sources: Integrated Surveillance and Response Department, National Directorate of Health, Ministry of Health as of 28/02/2021\*\*

Between 15/02/2021 to 28/02/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 118 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of São Nicolau reported the highest incidence rate of 297 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands of São Vicente (211) and Boavista (153). The cumulative incidence rate remains under 25 cases per 100 000 inhabitants only on the island of Brava (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 8, a total of 4561 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 7.9% and a testing rate of 810 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Boavista, São Nicolau, and Santiago reported the highest positivity rates during the epidemiological week 8, with 15.6%, 11.8%, and 9.4%, respectively (*Table 2*).

Table 2. Number of cases, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 08 (22/02/2021 to 28/02/2021) by island

<b>Ilha</b>	<b>Nº of tests performed*</b>	<b>Positivity rate (%)</b>	<b>Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants</b>
<b>Santo Antão</b>	173	3,47	466
<b>São Vicente</b>	965	8,29	1126
<b>São Nicolau</b>	263	11,79	2199
<b>Sal</b>	238	6,72	560
<b>Boavista</b>	147	15,65	701
<b>Maio</b>	232	1,29	2995
<b>Santiago</b>	2057	9,38	648
<b>Fogo</b>	435	1,84	1256
<b>Brava</b>	51	0,00	954
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	4561	7,89	810

\*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 28/02/21

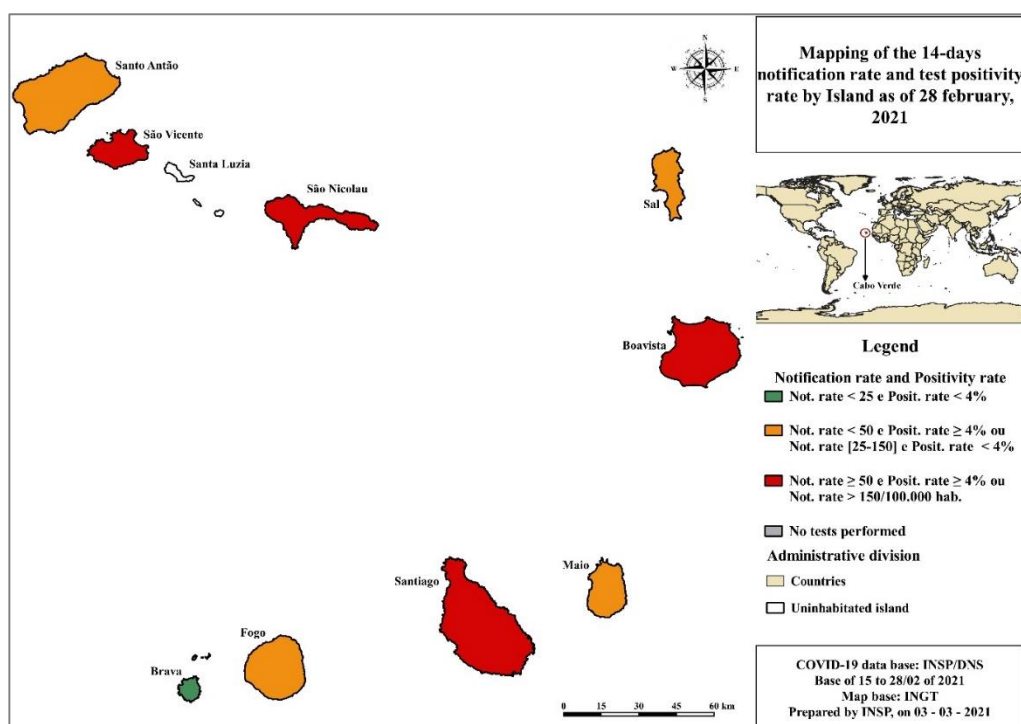


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (15/02/2021 to 28/02/2021) and testing rate in the previous week (22/02/2021 to 28/02/2021) by island<sup>1</sup>.

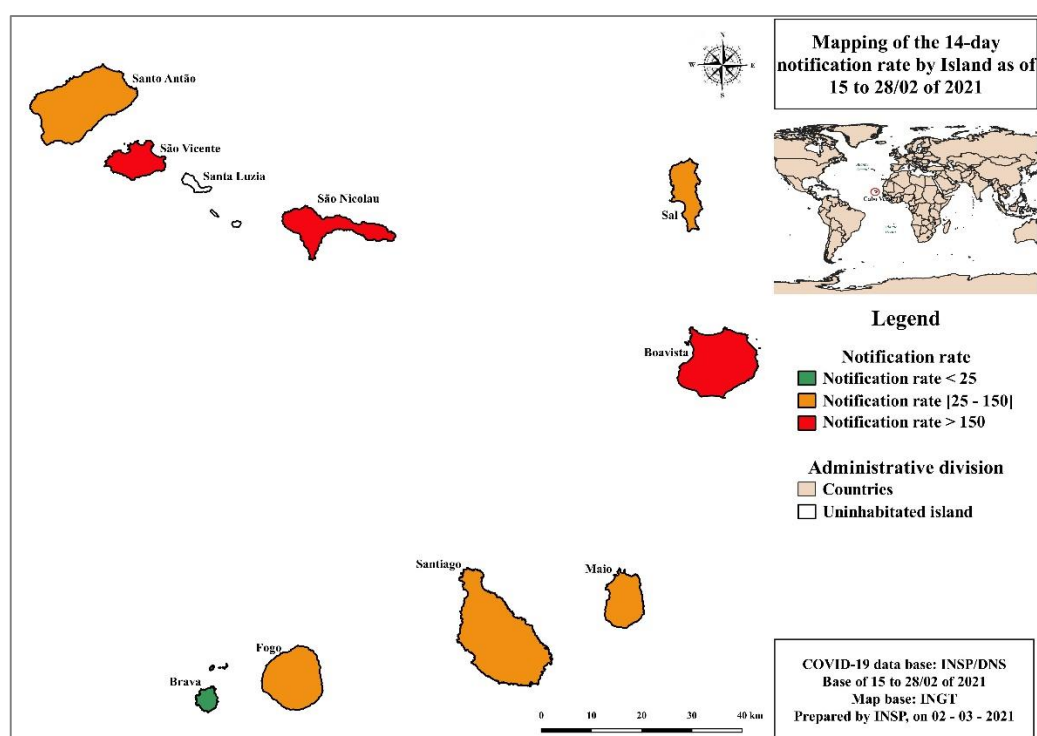


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (15/02/2021 to 28/02/2021) by island<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Map elaborated in accordance with resolution nº 169/2020. Cabo Verde, *BOLETIM OFICIAL*, Cabo Verde: Boletim Oficial I serie, numero 132 de 19 de novembro de 2020, 2020, p. 2945.

<sup>2</sup> Map elaborated in accordance with resolution nº 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
<b>Santo Antão</b>	Sal, S. Nicolau, Maio e Brava	X	
<b>Santo Antão</b>	São Vicente, Boa Vista, Santiago e Fogo		X
<b>São Vicente</b>	S. Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista, Santiago, Maio, Fogo e Brava	X	
<b>São Vicente</b>	Santo Antão		X
<b>São Nicolau</b>	S. Vicente, Santo Antão, Sal, Boa Vista, Santiago, Maio, Fogo e Brava	X	
<b>Sal</b>	S. Nicolau, Maio, e Brava	X	
<b>Sal</b>	Santo Antão, Boa Vista, São Vicente, Fogo e Santiago		X
<b>Boa Vista</b>	Santo Antão, S. Nicolau, Sal, Santiago, Maio, Fogo e Brava	X	
<b>Boa Vista</b>	São Vicente		X
<b>Maio</b>	S. Nicolau e Brava	X	
<b>Maio</b>	Santo Antão, Sal, Fogo, Santiago, Boa Vista e São Vicente		X
<b>Santiago</b>	S. Nicolau, Maio, Fogo e Brava	X	
<b>Santiago</b>	S. Antão, Sal, Boa Vista e S. Vicente		X
<b>Fogo</b>	S. Nicolau, Maio e Brava	X	
<b>Fogo</b>	S. Antão, São Vicente, Sal, Boa Vista e Santiago		X
<b>Brava</b>	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 nas ilhas de São Nicolau e 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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