

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde



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Editorial

Cabo verde participated, at the first CPLP EC business summit, which was held from may 5 to 7, in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. The objective of the summit was to demonstrate the potential and private investment opportunities in tourism and business in the CPLP space, as well as to present investment support measures and institutions. More than 250 companies participated in the event targeting more than 270 million consumers from the nine member states.

According to a communication from the CPLP, the event aims to strengthen the connection within the community, demonstrate its potential, resources, its openness to external investment and present business opportunities. For Cape Verde, the sectors of greatest interest were air transport, renewable energy, pharmaceutical industries, vocational training and, evidently tourism. In addition to the governmental delegation, which covered bilateral cooperation, the operational nucleus of the information society / NOSI well as a business delegation constituted by the Sotavento Commerce Chamber and INPHARMA.

Current Situation

At the end of the seventeenth epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 24 368 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, 02 May, the country reported 3231 active cases, 20 899 cumulative recovered cases, and 224 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 17, the country registered twenty-one (21) deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 16 and 17 (19/04/2021 to 02/05/2021), the country recorded 3850 new cases of COVID-19, (*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, 19/04/2021 to 02/05/2021

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	318	875,0
São Vicente	584	681,7
São Nicolau	171	1517,0
Sal	290	682,1
Boavista	209	997,2
Maio	109	1407,0
Santiago	2064	677,0
Fogo	80	246,0
Brava	25	467,6
Cabo Verde	3850	683,6

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, until 02/05/2021** as of 02/05/2021**

Between 19/04/2021 to 02/05/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 683.6 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of São Nicolau reported the highest incidence rate of 1517 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands of Maio (1407) and Boavista with 997/100 000 inhabitants. All islands reported cumulative incidence rates over 25 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 17, a total of 10257 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR, GeneXpert®, and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods, combined. In this week, the country registered a positivity rate of 19.1% and a testing rate of 1821 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Brava, Boavista and Santiago reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 17, with 23.3%, 22.6%, and 21.3%, respectively (Table 2).

Table 2. Number of testes performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 17 (26/04/2021 to 02/05/2021) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	1198	15,8	3 225,6
São Vicente	1713	17,9	1 999,5
São Nicolau	561	13,9	4 691,0
Sal	679	18,6	1 597,1
Boavista	545	22,6	2 600,3
Maio	250	18,4	3 227,1
Santiago	4746	21,3	1 496,0
Fogo	449	12,9	1 296,9
Brava	116	23,3	2 169,8
Cabo Verde	10257	19,1	1 821.2

*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 02/05/21

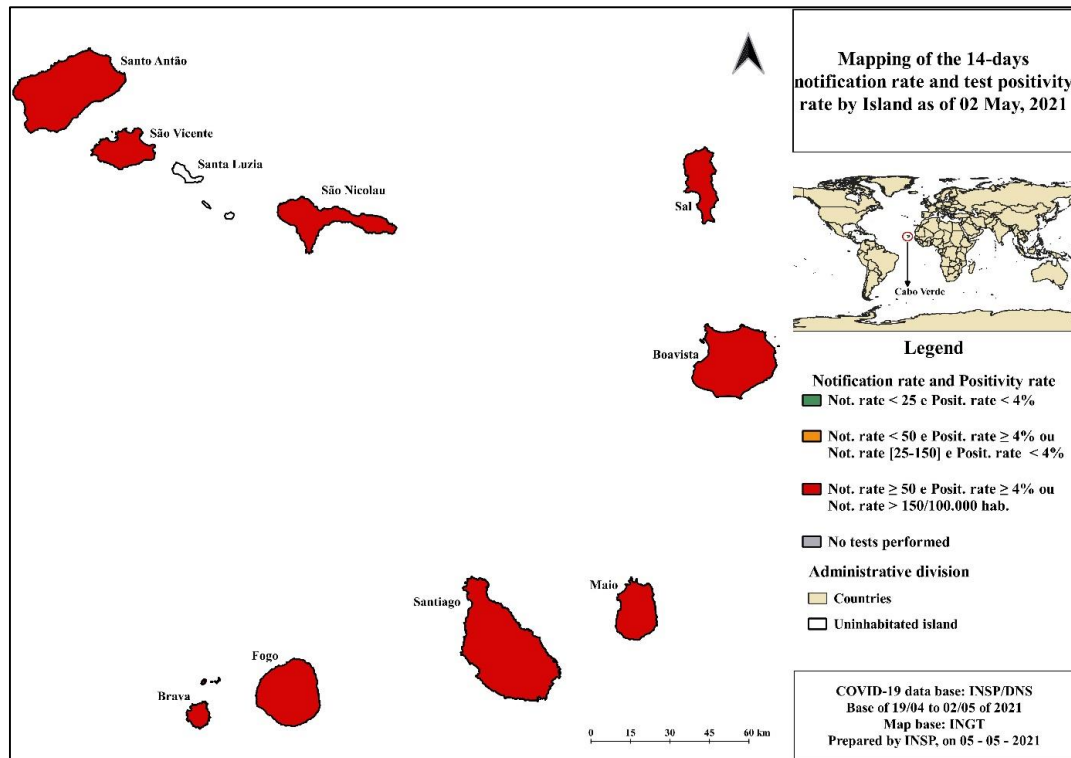


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (19/04/2021 to 02/05/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (26/04/2021 to 02/05/2021) by island¹.

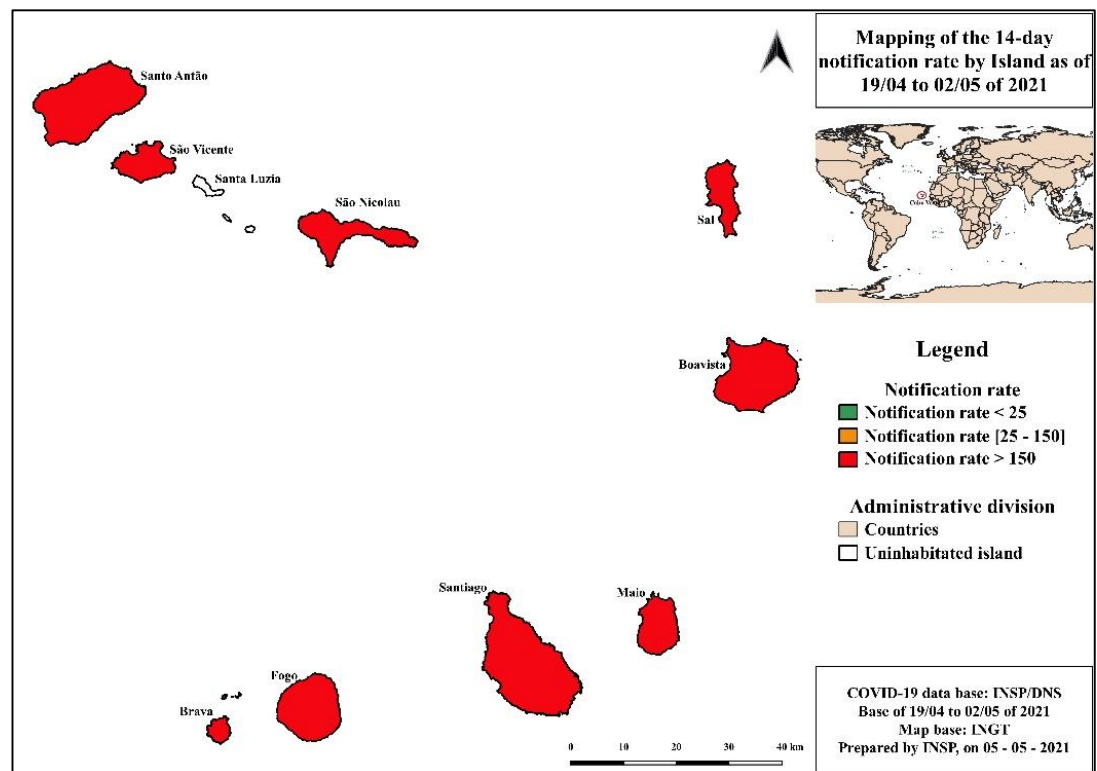


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (19/04/2021 to 02/05/2021) by island²

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

Direção Nacional de Saúde

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

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

*informação será atualizada conforme evolução da situação epidemiológica da COVID-19 em

■ 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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