

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde



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Editorial

As one expects the resume of tourism, the Ministry of Tourism and Transports, in partnership with the Cabo Verdean Hotel and Tourism School (EHTCV), continues to bet in the valuation of tourism professionals, as a way to improve their skills and, with that, improve the quality of services provided in tourism. In this regard, a training course for managers of hotel units of Santiago Island was carried out. It received financial support from the European Union and was implemented by the United Nations Program (UNDP) in Cape Verde and the Ministry of Tourism and Transports (MTT) in a strong partnership with EHTCV. The certificate delivery ceremony for this training action, formed in the framework of the tourism's rebirth plan, was held on May 27th. This training is part of the formative activities of response to the COVID-19 crisis and recovery of tourism in Cabo Verde, in the framework of the competitiveness support program for West Africa.

Current Situation

At the end of the nineteenth epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 28168 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, 16th of May, the country reported 2880 active cases, 25023 cumulative recovered cases, and 249 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 19, the country registered seventeen (17) deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 18 and 19 (03/05/2021 a 16/05/2021), the country recorded 3784 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, 03/05/2021 to 16/05/2021

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	343	957
São Vicente	687	802
São Nicolau	237	2163
Sal	113	266
Boavista	94	448
Maio	118	1523
Santiago	2018	670
Fogo	96	297
Brava	78	1459
Cabo Verde	3784	672

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 16/05/2021**

Between 03/05/2021 a 16/05/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 672 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of São Nicolau reported the highest incidence rate of 2163 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands of Maio (1523) and Brava with 1459/100 000 inhabitants. All islands reported cumulative incidence rates over 25 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 19, a total of 11037 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 15.4% and a testing rate of 1959.7 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Santiago, São Vicente and Boavista, reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 19, with 19,4%, 16,2% and 15,3%, respectively (*Table 2*).

Table 2. Number of testes performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 19 (10/05/2021 to 16/05/2021) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	934	14,0	2 514,8
São Vicente	1864	16,2	2 175,8
São Nicolau	738	11,8	6 171,1
Sal	580	6,4	1 364,3
Boavista	242	15,3	1 154,6
Maio	640	8,8	8 261,3
Santiago	4956	19,4	1 562,2
Fogo	654	7,0	1 889,0
Brava	429	10,3	8 024,7
Cabo Verde	11037	15,4	1 959,7

*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 16/05/21

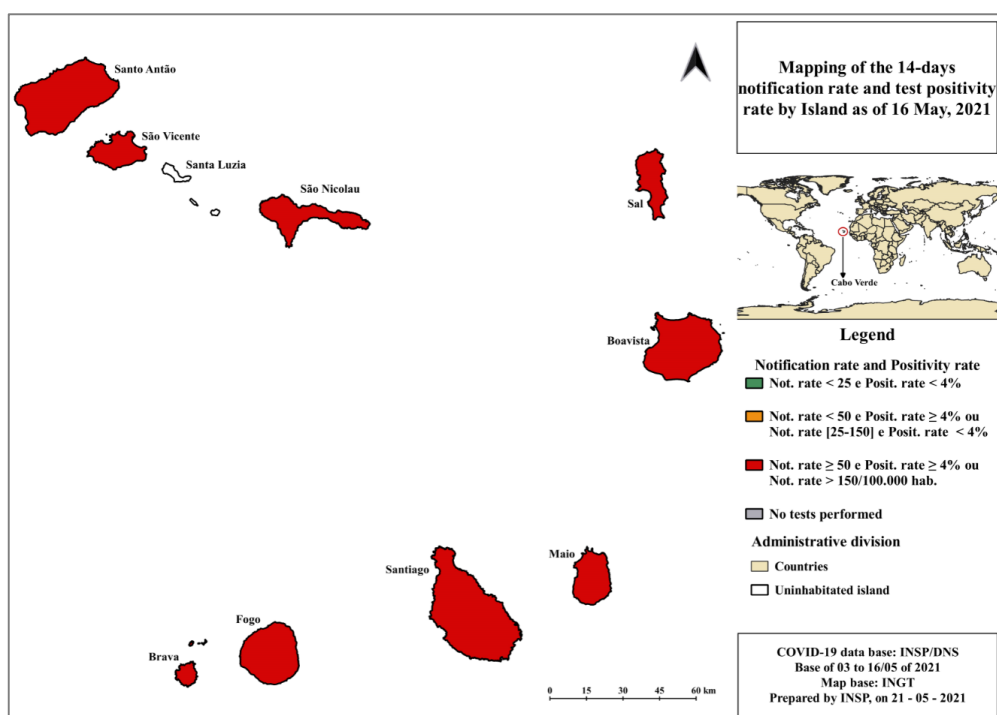


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (03/05/2021 to 16/05/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (10/05/2021 to 16/05/2021) by island¹.

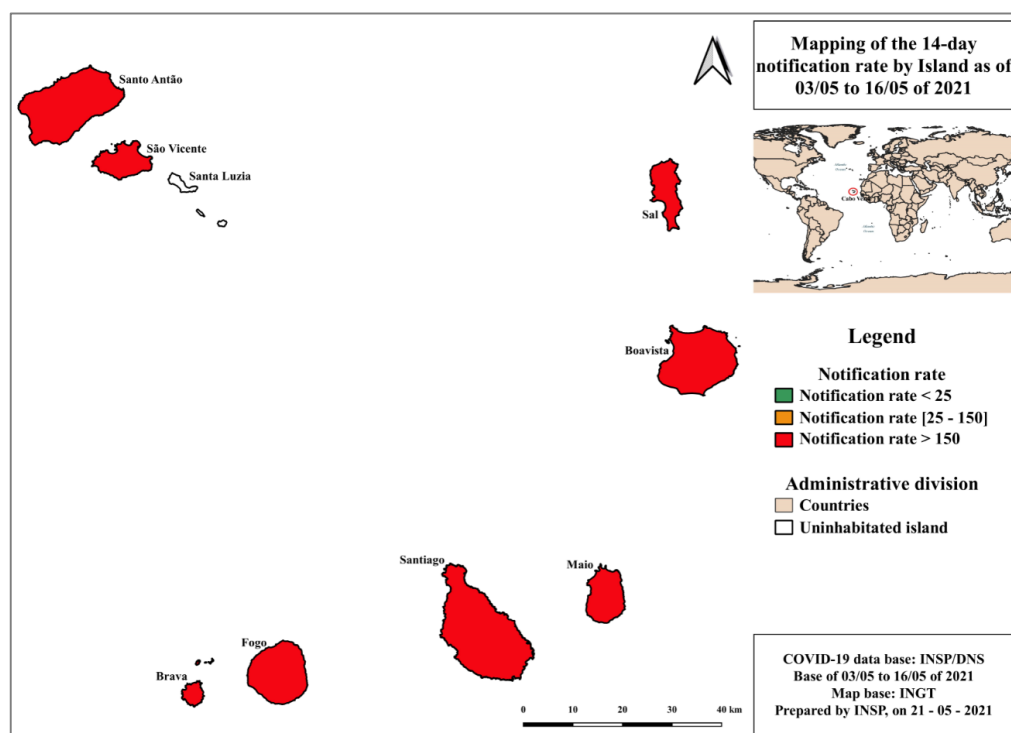


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (03/05/2021 to 16/05/2021) by island²

¹ 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.

² 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
Santo Antão	Boa Vista, Santiago, Fogo, Sal, S. Nicolau, Maio e Brava	X	
Santo Antão	São Vicente		X
São Vicente	S. Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista, Santiago, Maio, Fogo e Brava	X	
São Vicente	Santo Antão		X
São Nicolau	para qualquer ilha	X	
Sal	para qualquer ilha	X	
Boa Vista	para qualquer ilha	X	
Maio	para qualquer ilha	X	
Santiago	para qualquer ilha	X	
Fogo	para qualquer ilha	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 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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