



# NEWSLETTER COVID-19 CABO VERDE

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## **Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde**

### **Current Situation**

At the end of the twentieth epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 29334 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, 23rd of May, the country reported 2219 active cases, 26842 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 19 and 20 (10/05/2021 to 23/05/2021) the country recorded 2821 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, 10/05/2021 to 23/05/2021

Island	N⁰ of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants		
Santo Antão	224	627		
São Vicente	506	591		
São Nicolau	113	1034		
Sal	47	111		
Boavista	68	324		
Maio	89	1149		
Santiago	1528	508		
Fogo	145	450		
Brava	101	1889		
Cabo Verde	2821	501		

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 23/05/2021\*\*

Between 10/05/2021 to 23/05/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 501 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of Brava reported the highest incidence rate of 1889 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands of Maio

(1149) and Sao Nicolau with 1034 per 100 000 inhabitants. All islands reported cumulative incidence rates over 25 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 20, a total of 8465 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR (4226) and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods, combined. In this week, the country registered a positivity rate of 21.6% and a testing rate of 1503 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Brava, Santiago and Santo Antao, reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 20, with 21.6%, 15.3% and 14.3%, respectively (*Table 2*).

Table 2. Number of testes performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 20 (17/05/2021 to 23/05/2021) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants	
Santo Antão	670	14,3	1 804,0	
São Vicente	1555	14,1	1 815,1	
São Nicolau	419	6,2	3 503,6	
Sal	510	2,0	1 199,6	
Boavista	240	12,1	1 145,1	
Maio	348	8,3	4 492,1	
Santiago	3699	15,2	1 166,0	
Fogo	755	13,0	2 180,7	
Brava	269	21,6	5 031,8	
Cabo Verde	8465	13,3	1 503,0	

<sup>\*</sup>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 23/05/21

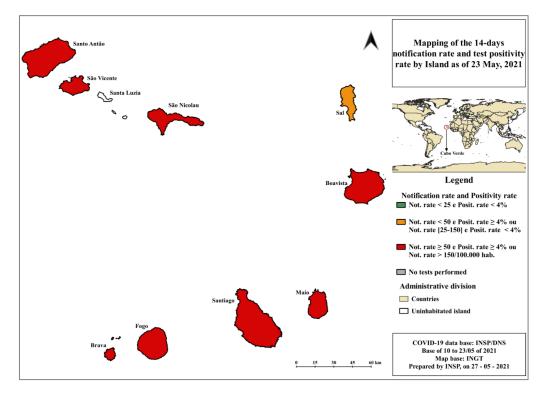


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (10/05/2021 to 23/05/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (17/05/2021 to 23/05/2021) by island<sup>1</sup>.

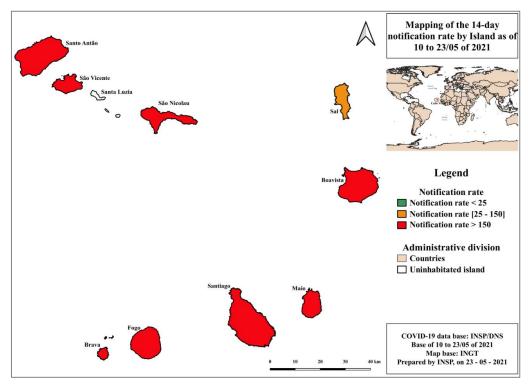


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (10/05/2021 to 23/05/2021) by island <sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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



### 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	Boa Vista, Santiago, Fogo, Sal, S. Nicolau, Maio e Brava	х	
Santo Antão	São Vicente		Х
São Vicente	S. Nicolau, Sal, Boa Vista, Santiago, Maio, Fogo e Brava	х	
São Vicente	Santo Antão		Х
São Nicolau	para qualquer ilha	Х	
Sal	para qualquer ilha	х	
Boa Vista	para qualquer ilha	х	
Maio	para qualquer ilha	х	
Santiago	para qualquer ilha	Х	
Fogo	para qualquer ilha	Х	
Brava	para qualquer ilha	х	

<sup>\*</sup>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 Majo, 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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