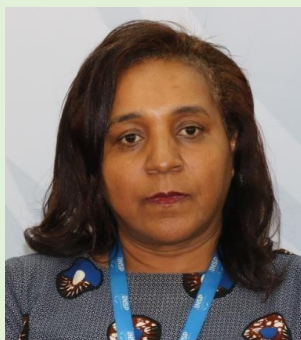


Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde



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With the measures implemented since the end of April, namely the declaration of the state of calamity and the reinforcement of risk communication, the COVID-19 cases have decreased significantly throughout the country. The health services have been following the situation with some tranquility, while the administration of vaccines is returning to a reasonable pace to vaccinate around seventy percent of the population by the end of the year. The population over 40 years old is already eligible for vaccination with booster vaccination in the main tourist Islands. With this strategy, the opening of the border is foreseen for the resumption of tourism. This brings a positive outlook, especially in the economics area.

The health authorities continue to count on and strongly appeal to the population not to lower their guard in implementing preventive measures because only then can the country quickly return to social and economic normality.

Current Situation

At the end of the twenty-fourth epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 32039 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, 20th of June, the country reported 646 active cases, 31091 cumulative recovered cases, and 283 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 24, the country registered eight (8) deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 23 and 24 (07/06/2021 to 20/06/2021), the country recorded 898 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, 07/06/2021 to 20/06/2021

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	100	282
São Vicente	94	110
São Nicolau	33	304
Sal	12	28
Boavista	13	62
Maio	38	491
Santiago	337	113
Fogo	136	426
Brava	135	2525
Cabo Verde	898	159

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 20/06/2021**

Between 07/06/2021 to 20/06/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 159 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of Brava reported the highest incidence rate of 2525 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands of Maio (491) and Fogo with 426 per 100 000 inhabitants. All islands reported cumulative incidence rates of over 25 cases per 100 000 inhabitants (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 24, a total of 5483 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods combined. In this week, the country registered a positivity rate of 7.1% and a testing rate of 974 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Brava, Fogo and Santo Antão reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 24, with 26%, 10.5%, and 9.3%, respectively (Table 2).

Table 2. Number of tests performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 24 (07/06/2021 to 20/06/2021) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	386	9,3%	1 039
São Vicente	1099	3,7%	1 283
São Nicolau	298	5,7%	2 492
Sal	437	0,5%	1 028
Boavista	186	2,2%	887
Maio	291	3,1%	3 756
Santiago	1890	7,6%	596
Fogo	608	10,5%	1 756
Brava	288	26,0%	5 387
Cabo Verde	5483	7,1%	974

*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 20/06/21

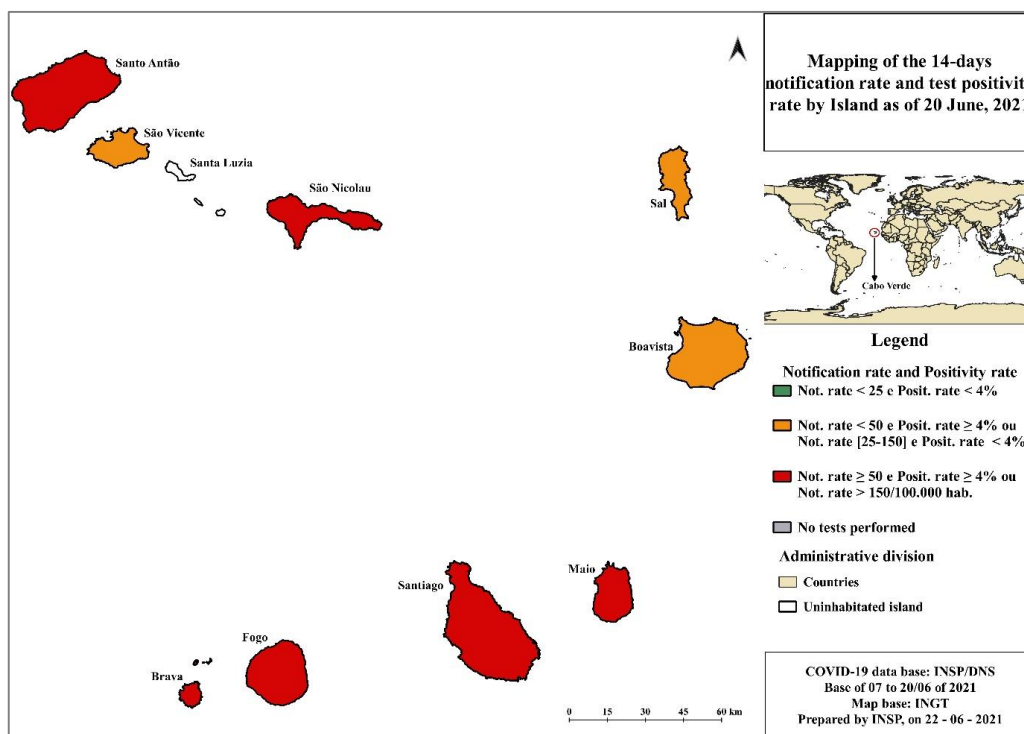


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (07/06/2021 to 20/06/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (07/06/2021 to 13/06/2021) by island¹.

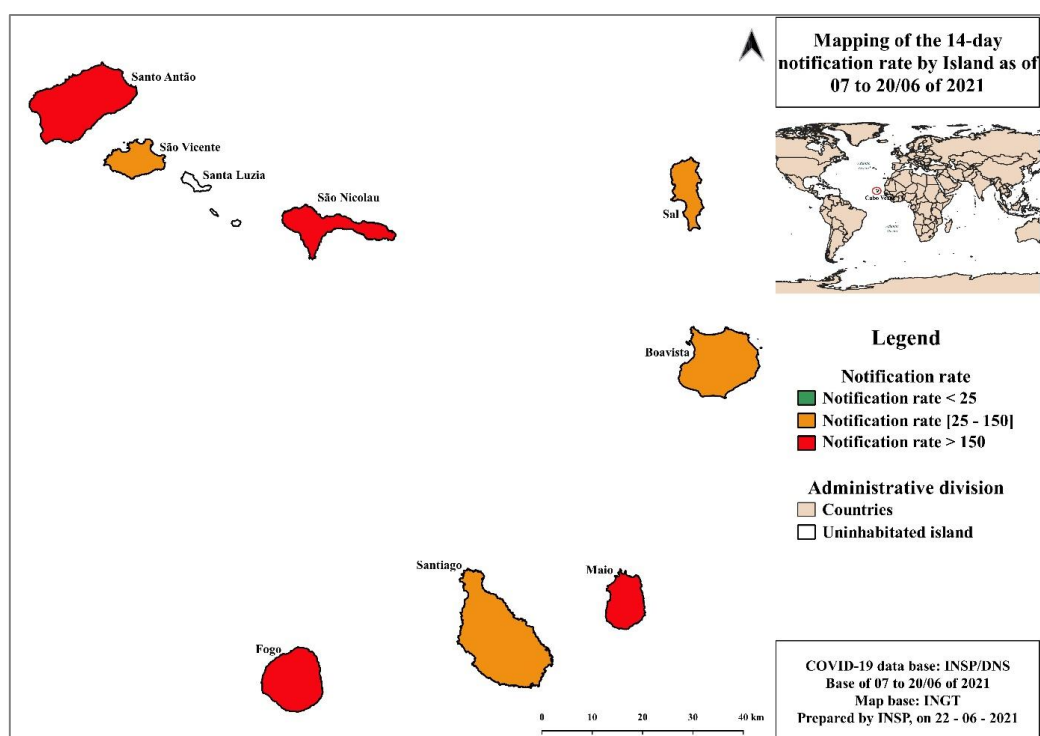


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (07/06/2021 to 20/06/2021) by island²

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	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

- As crianças com idade inferior a 7 anos estão isentas da realização de teste para viagens entre as ilhas.

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