

## Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

### Current Situation

At the end of the thirty first epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 34052 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, the 8<sup>th</sup> of august, the country reported 437 active cases, 33296 cumulative recovered cases, and 298 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 31, the country did not register any deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 30 and 31 (26/07/2021 to 08/08/2021), the country recorded 484 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, 26/07/2021 to 08/08/2021*

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	42	120
São Vicente	41	48
São Nicolau	2	18
Sal	10	24
Boavista	39	186
Maio	25	323
Santiago	278	93
Fogo	46	146
Brava	1	19
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>86</b>

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 08/08/2021\*\*

Between 26/07/2021 to 08/08/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 86 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of Maio reported the

highest incidence rate of 323 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands Boavista (186) and Fogo with 146 per 100 000 inhabitants. The cumulative incidence rate was under 25 in Sal, São Nicolau and Brava (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 31, a total of 7948 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 3.1% and a testing rate of 1411 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Boavista, Santiago and Maio reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 31, with 7.7%, 4.6%, and 3%, respectively (Table 2).

Table 2. Number of tests performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 31 (02/08/2021 to 08/08/2021) by island

<b>Ilha</b>	<b>Number of testes performed *</b>	<b>Positivity rate (%)</b>	<b>Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants</b>
<b>Santo Antão</b>	366	2,5%	985,5
<b>São Vicente</b>	1774	1,0%	2 070,7
<b>São Nicolau</b>	393	0,5%	3 286,2
<b>Sal</b>	238	3,4%	559,8
<b>Boavista</b>	274	7,7%	1 307,3
<b>Maio</b>	432	3,0%	5 576,4
<b>Santiago</b>	3400	4,6%	1 071,7
<b>Fogo</b>	826	2,7%	2 385,8
<b>Brava</b>	245	0,0%	4 582,9
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	7948	3,1%	1 411

\*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 08/08/21

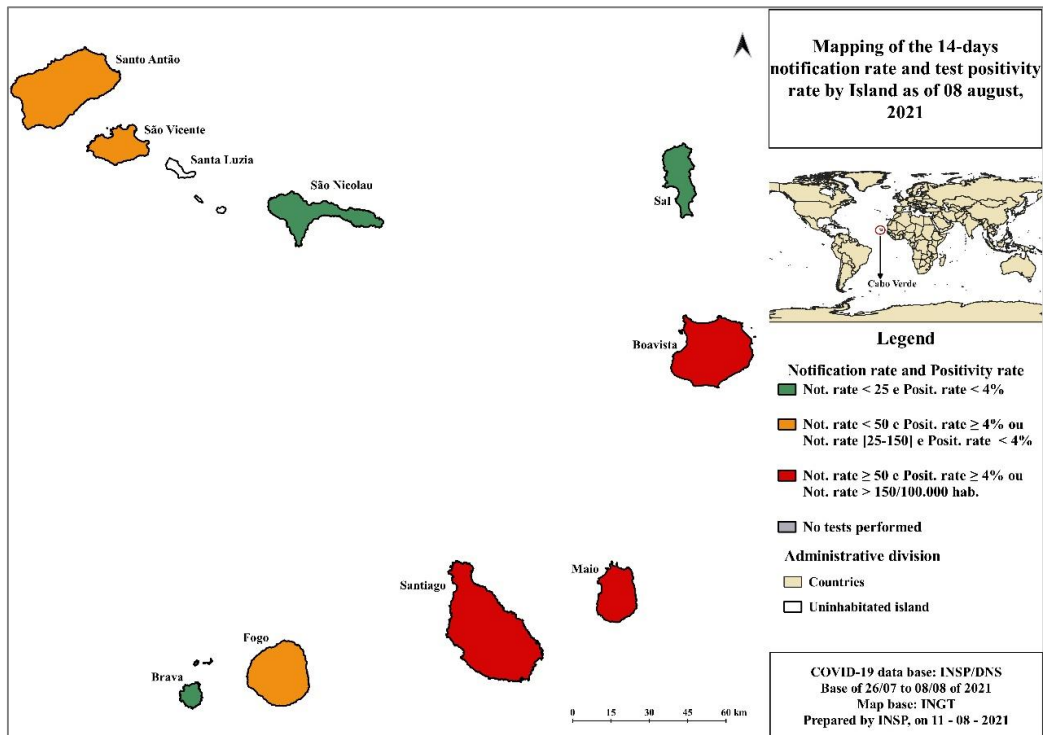


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (26/07/2021 to 08/08/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (02/08/2021 to 08/08/2021) by island<sup>1</sup>.

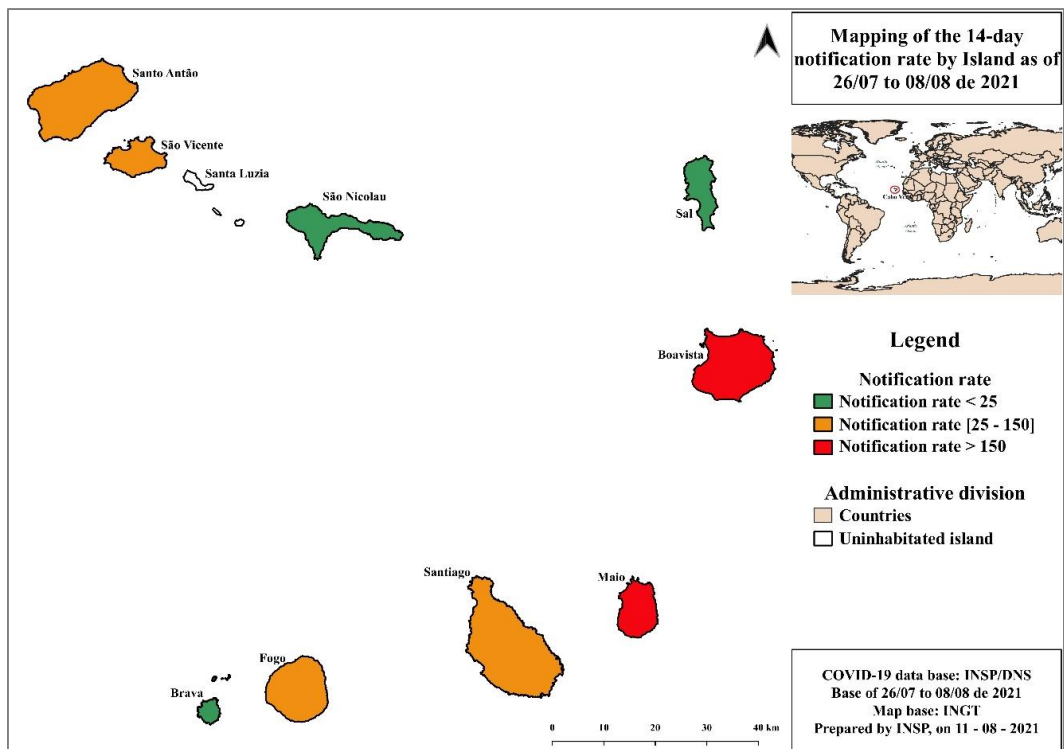


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (26/07/2021 to 08/08/2021) by island<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Highlights

According to the official resolution 78/2021 of the Official Bulletin No. 75 I Series of July 30, the Government:

- Declares contingency situation throughout the country, based on the evolution of the epidemiological situation;
- Approves the admissibility of the COVID Certificate, as a document proving the low risk of its holder being a COVID-19 active patient and a measure to facilitate free movement and carrying out activities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Approval of the regime for the issuance, verification and acceptance of COVID Certificates from Cape Verde and recognition of COVID Certificates issued by third countries or multilateral institutions.

The "COVID Certificate of Cape Verde" is issued by the Ministry of Health, free of charge (except in the case of issuing a new certificate due to loss or request for issuance in paper format), through the web platform <https://nhacard.gov.cv/>, at the municipal health units, at "Casa do Cidadão" and in the Municipal Councils counters, and also in the "Nha Card" application, available in Google Play and Apple Store.

The resolution No. 78/2021 of the Official Bulletin No. 75 I Series can be accessed at [https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/bo\\_30-07-2021\\_75.pdf](https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/bo_30-07-2021_75.pdf).

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