

## Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

### Current Situation

At the end of the thirty second epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 34397 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, the 15<sup>th</sup> of august, the country reported 582 active cases, 33494 cumulative recovered cases, and 300 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 32, the country did not register any deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 31 and 32 (02/08/2021 to 15/08/2021), the country recorded 579 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, 02/08/2021 to 15/08/2021*

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	19	54
São Vicente	43	50
São Nicolau	10	92
Sal	22	52
Boavista	34	162
Maio	30	387
Santiago	376	126
Fogo	45	143
Brava	0	0
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>103</b>

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 15/08/2021\*\*

Between 02/08/2021 to 15/08/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 103 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of Maio reported the highest incidence rate of 387 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands Boavista (162) and Fogo with 143 per 100 000 inhabitants. The cumulative incidence rate was under 25 only in Brava (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 32, a total of 9380 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 3.5% and a testing rate of 1665 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Santiago, Boavista and Maio reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 31, with 5.5%, 3.8%, and 3.1%, respectively (Table 2).

Table 2. Number of tests performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 32 (09/08/2021 to 15/08/2021) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
<b>Santo Antão</b>	431	2,1%	1 160,5
<b>São Vicente</b>	1686	1,5%	1 968,0
<b>São Nicolau</b>	523	1,5%	4 373,3
<b>Sal</b>	645	2,2%	1 517,1
<b>Boavista</b>	342	3,8%	1 631,8
<b>Maio</b>	540	3,1%	6 970,4
<b>Santiago</b>	3949	5,5%	1 244,8
<b>Fogo</b>	1046	2,2%	3 021,2
<b>Brava</b>	218	0,0%	4 077,8
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	9380	3,5%	1 665

\*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 15/08/21

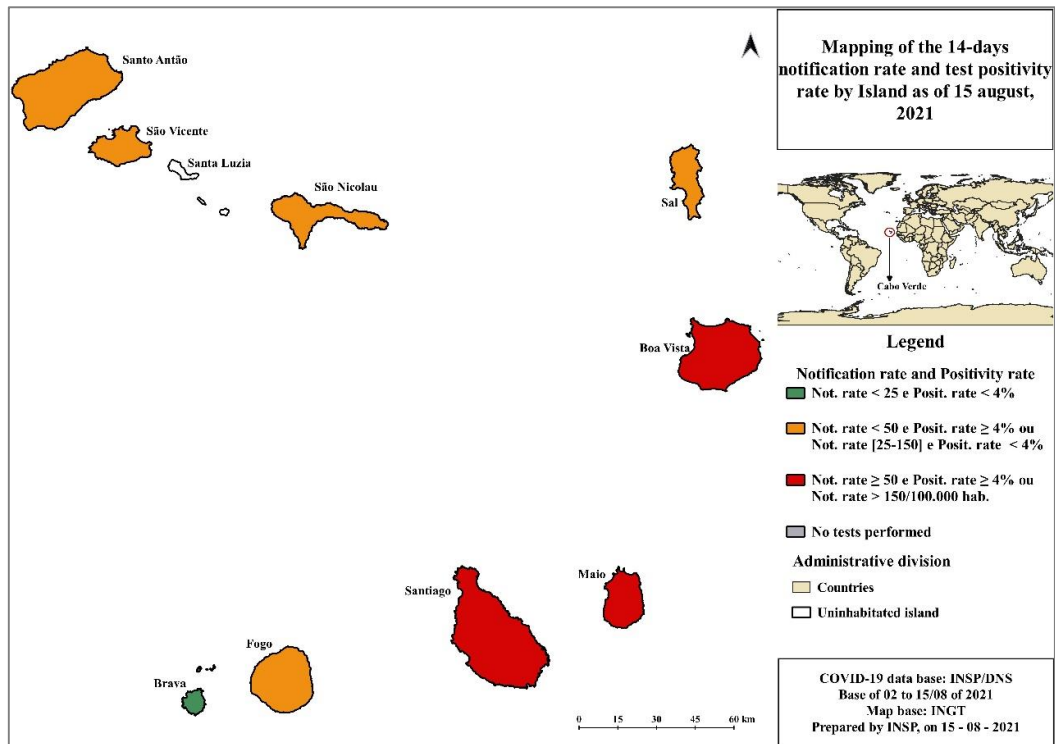


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (02/08/2021 to 15/08/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (09/08/2021 to 15/08/2021) by island<sup>1</sup>.

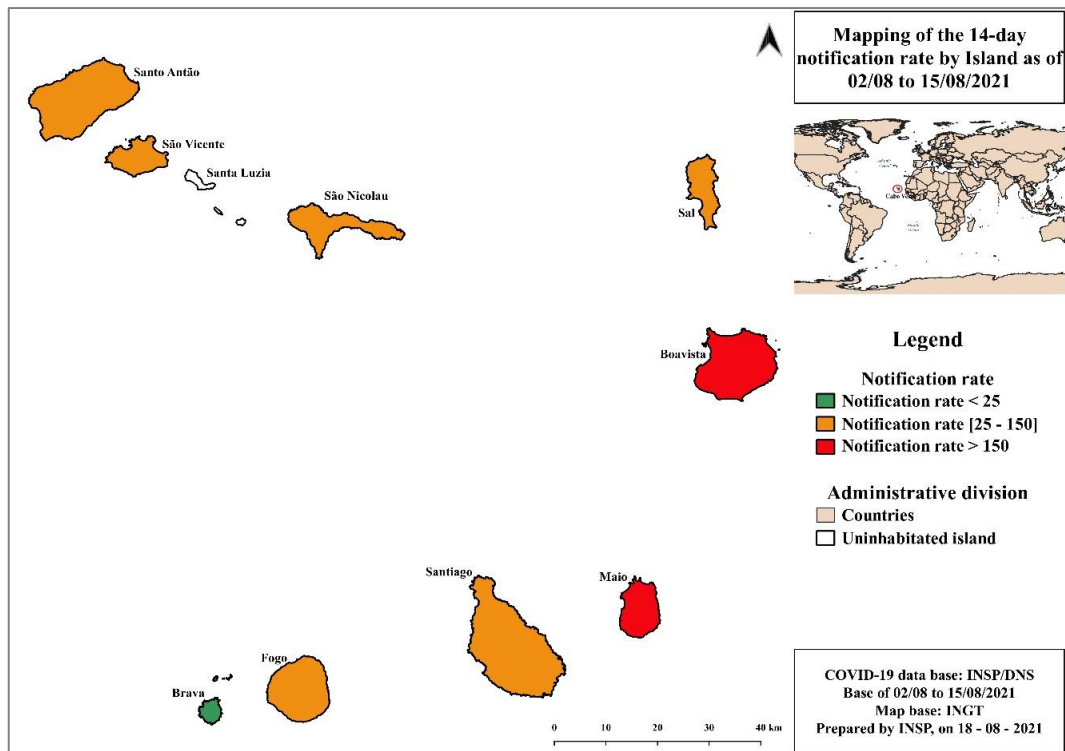


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (02/08/2021 to 15/08/2021) by island<sup>2</sup>

<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 nº 75 Series I 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 Series I 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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