

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

Current Situation

At the end of the thirty-fifth epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 35928 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, the 5th of September, the country reported 942 active cases, 34647 cumulative recovered cases, and 315 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 35, the country registered six deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 34 and 35 (23/08/2021 to 05/09/2021), the country recorded 1208 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, 23/08/2021 to 05/09/2021

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	41	117
São Vicente	156	182
São Nicolau	114	1054
Sal	29	68
Boavista	64	305
Maio	65	839
Santiago	709	238
Fogo	24	76
Brava	6	112
Cabo Verde	1208	214

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 05/09/2021**

Between 23/08/2021 to 05/09/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 214 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of São Nicolau reported the highest incidence rate of 1054 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands Maio (839) and Boavista with 305 per 100 000 inhabitants. The cumulative incidence rate was over 25 in all islands (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 35, a total of 9472 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 7.7% and a testing rate of 1692 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of São Nicolau, Santiago, and Maio reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 35, with 11.9%, 11.2%, and 10.0%, respectively (Table 2).

Table 2. Number of tests performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 35 (30/08/2021 to 05/09/2021) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	452	6,0%	1 217,0
São Vicente	1933	4,4%	2 256,3
São Nicolau	678	11,9%	5 669,4
Sal	759	2,1%	1 785,3
Boavista	420	8,3%	2 003,9
Maio	482	10,0%	6 221,8
Santiago	3773	11,2%	1 189,3
Fogo	824	1,3%	2 380,0
Brava	151	2,6%	2 824,5
Cabo Verde	9472	7,7%	1 682

*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 05/09/21

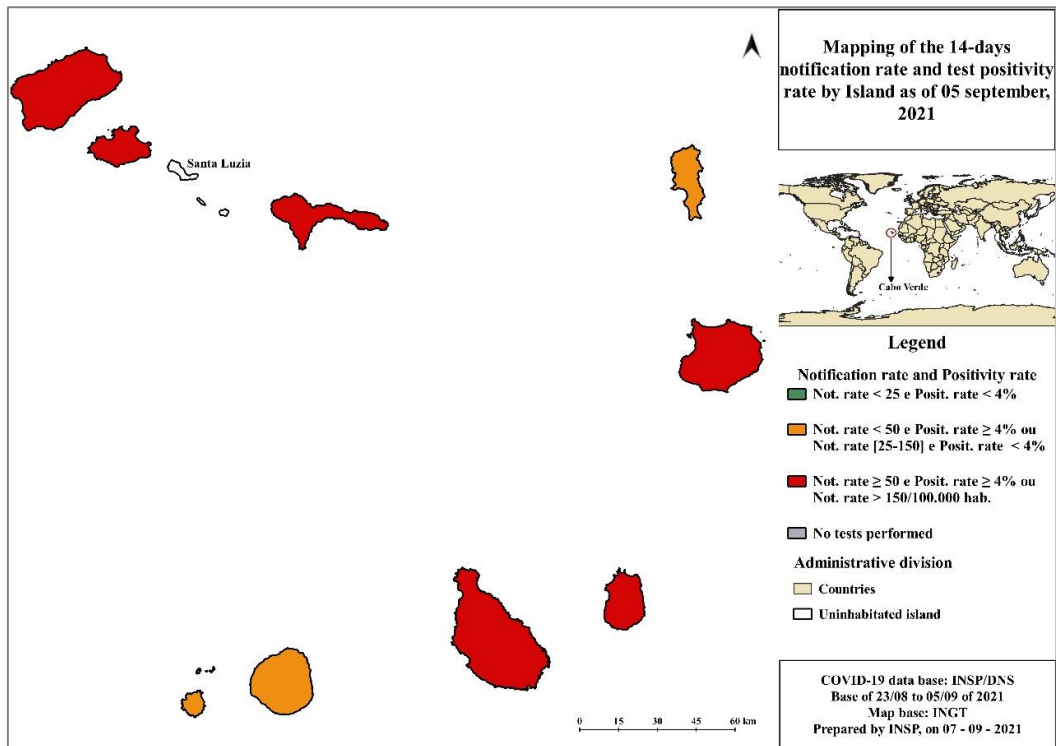


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (23/08/2021 to 05/09/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (30/08/2021 to 05/09/2021) by island¹.

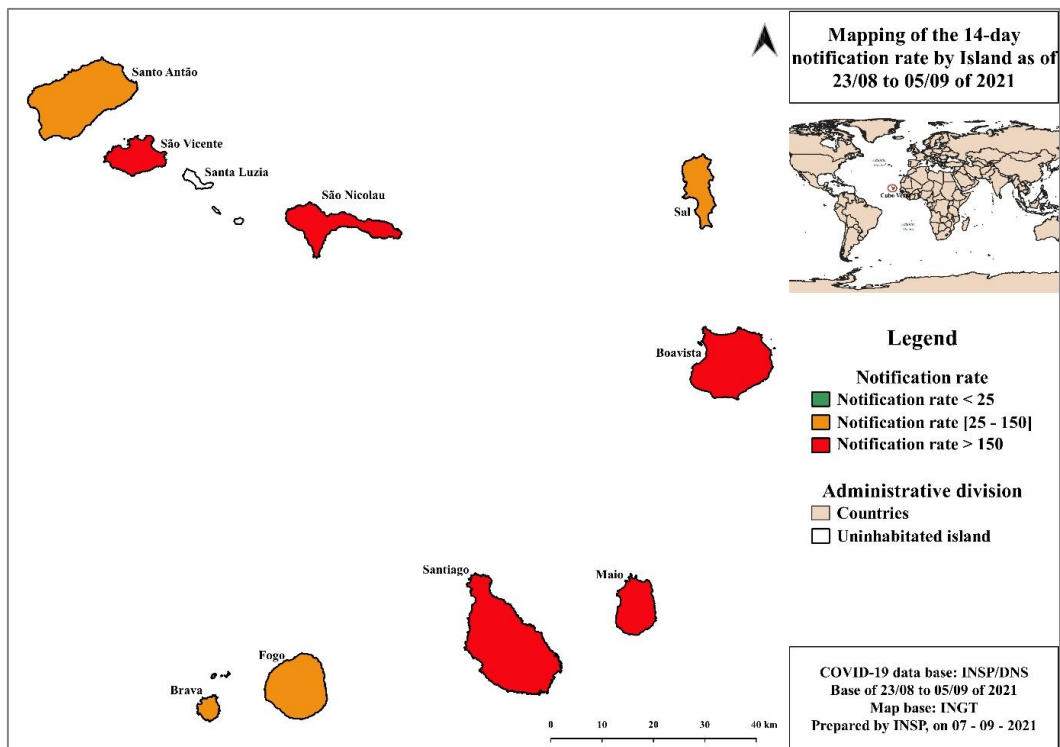


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (23/08/2021 to 30/09/2021) by island²

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.

Highlights

1. Published in Official Bulletin No. 81 Series I of August 23, 2021, Resolution No. 82/2021 that:

"Approves the requirement to present a valid RT-PCR or negative antigen test, every fourteen days, or the COVID Vaccination Certificate, to workers and public and private service providers that provide services to the public or who have direct contact with the public, as well as those who share common spaces and transport service with them, as a measure to protect public health and reinforce vaccination, in the face of COVID-19."

The resolution was approved by the Council of Ministers on August 19, 2021, and took effect the day following publication.

2. 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 acceptability 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.

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