

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

Current Situation

At the end of the thirty-sixth epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 36588 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, the 12th of September, the country reported 1031 active cases, 35212 cumulative recovered cases, and 321 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. In epidemiological week 36, the country registered six deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 35 and 36 (30/08/2021 to 12/09/2021), the country recorded 1314 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, 30/08/2021 to 12/09/2021

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	59	169
São Vicente	169	197
São Nicolau	191	1808
Sal	32	75
Boavista	59	282
Maio	94	1213
Santiago	718	242
Fogo	15	48
Brava	7	131
Cabo Verde	1344	239

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 12/09/2021**

Between 30/08/2021 to 12/09/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 239 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of São Nicolau reported the highest incidence rate of 1808 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands Maio (1213) and Boavista with 292 per 100 000 inhabitants. The cumulative incidence rate was over 25 in all islands (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 36, a total of 8706 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 7.2% and a testing rate of 1546 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of São Nicolau, Maio and Santiago reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 36, with 13.3%, 12.1%, and 9.7%, respectively (Table 2).

Table 2. Number of tests performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 36 (06/09/2021 to 12/09/2021) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	391	7,4%	1 052,8
São Vicente	1903	4,4%	2 221,3
São Nicolau	856	13,3%	7 157,8
Sal	569	2,1%	1 338,4
Boavista	477	5,7%	2 275,9
Maio	439	12,1%	5 666,7
Santiago	3167	9,7%	998,3
Fogo	758	0,5%	2 189,4
Brava	146	0,7%	2 731,0
Cabo Verde	8706	7,2%	1 546

*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 12/09/21

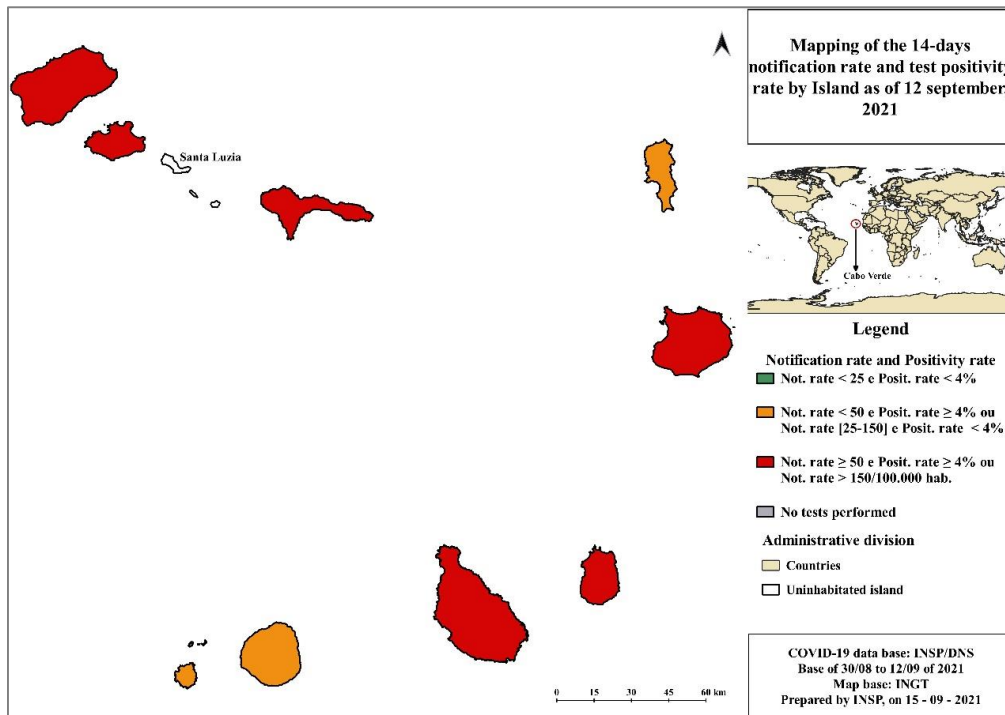


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (30/08/2021 to 12/09/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (06/09/2021 to 12/09/2021) by island¹.

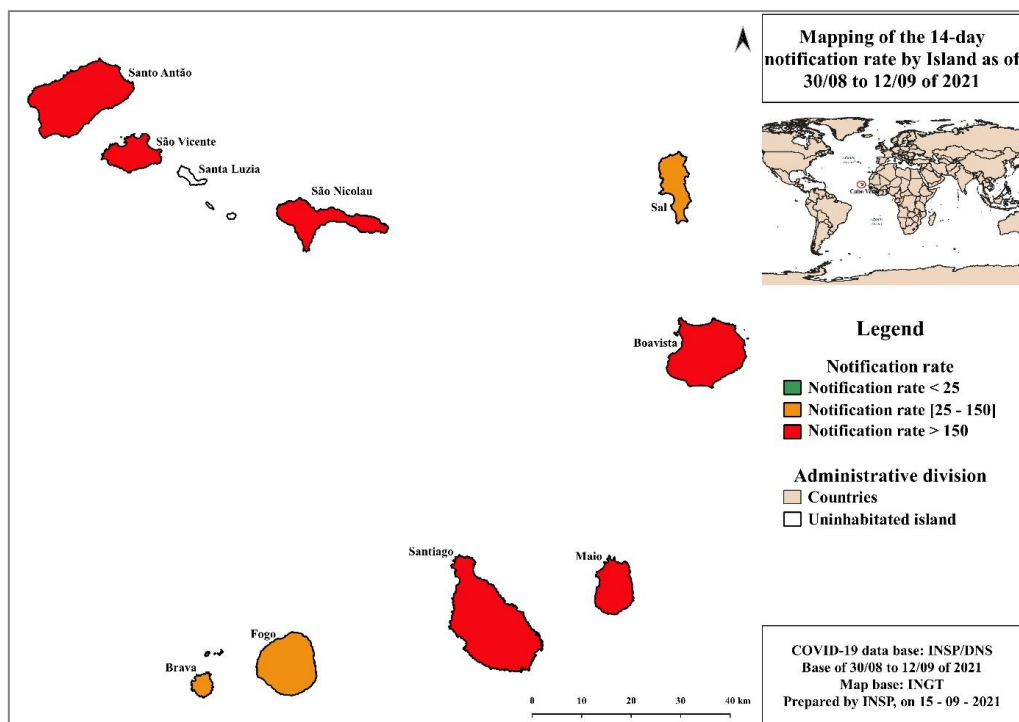


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (30/08/2021 to 12/09/2021) by island²

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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