

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

Current Situation

At the end of the thirty-nine epidemiological week of 2021, Cabo Verde registered 37428 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, the 3rd of October, the country reported 476 active cases, 36816 cumulative recovered cases, and 342 cumulative deaths from COVID-19 (and 15 deaths from other concomitant causes). In epidemiological week 39, the country registered seven deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 38 and 39 (20/09/2021 to 03/10/2021), the country recorded 540 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, 20/09/2021 to 03/10/2021

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	53	152
São Vicente	110	128
São Nicolau	40	382
Sal	9	21
Boavista	3	14
Maio	12	155
Santiago	299	101
Fogo	12	38
Brava	2	37
Cabo Verde	540	96

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 03/10/2021**

Between 20/09/2021 to 03/10/2021, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 96 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of São Nicolau reported

the highest incidence rate of 382 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands Maio (155) and Santo Antão with 152 per 100 000 inhabitants. The cumulative incidence rate was over 25 in all islands, except for Sal and Boavista (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 39, a total of 4684 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 4.9% and a testing rate of 832 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Santo Antão, Santiago and São Nicolau reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 39, with 7.2%, 7.1%, and 5.7%, respectively (Table 2).

Table 2. Number of tests performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 39 (27/09/2021 to 03/10/2021) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	305	7,2%	821
São Vicente	1020	3,2%	1 191
São Nicolau	282	5,7%	2 358
Sal	240	0,8%	565
Boavista	142	1,4%	678
Maio	185	0,5%	2 388
Santiago	2014	7,1%	635
Fogo	400	2,0%	1 155
Brava	96	2,1%	1 796
Cabo Verde	4684	4,9%	832

*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 03/10/21

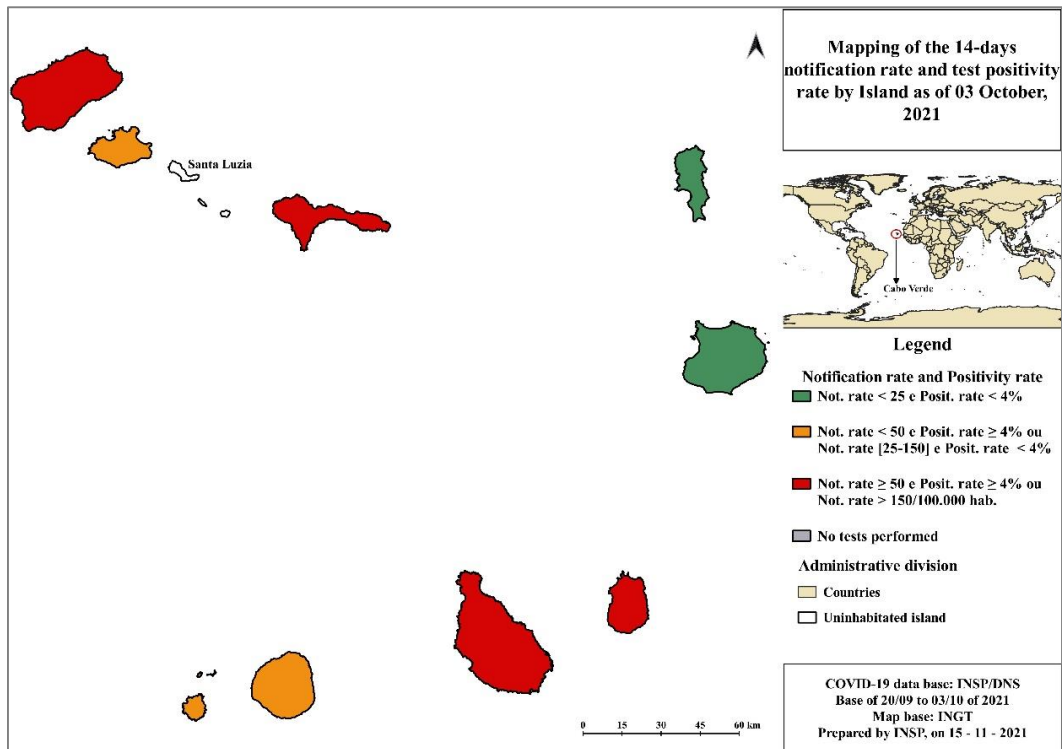


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (20/09/2021 to 03/10/2021) and positivity rate in the previous week (27/09/2021 to 03/10/2021) by island¹.

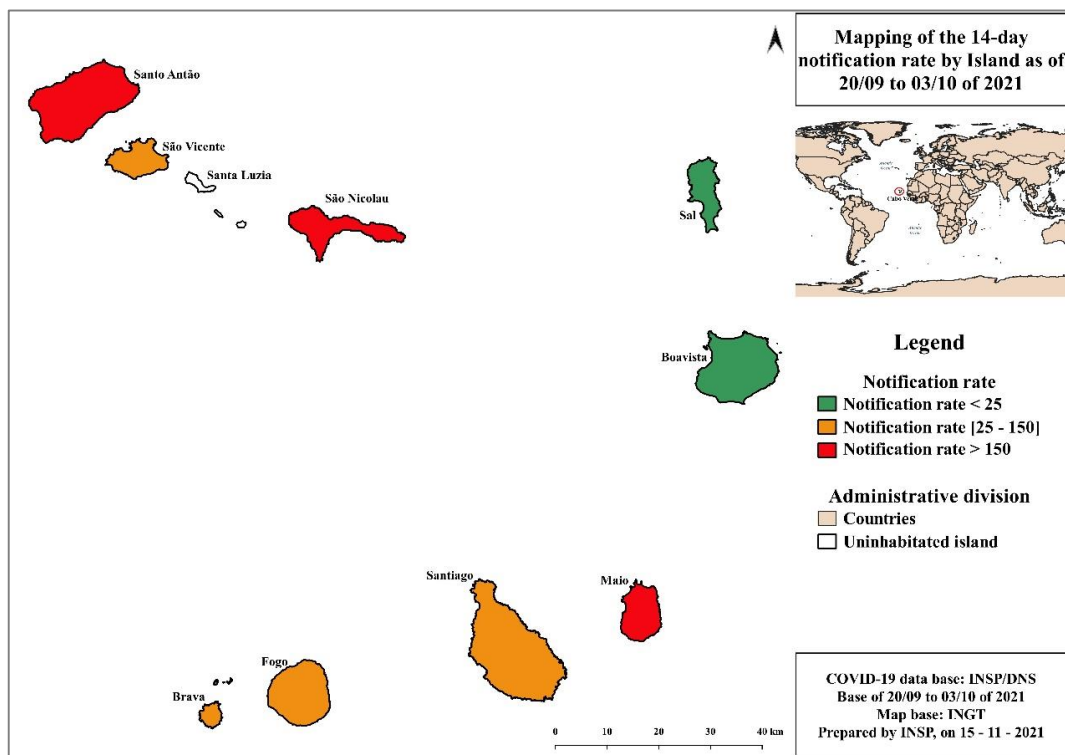


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (20/09/2021 to 03/10/2021) by island²

¹ Map elaborated in accordance with resolution n° 169/2020. Cabo Verde, *BOLETIM OFICIAL*, Cabo Verde: Boletim Oficial I serie, numero 132 de 26 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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