

## Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

### Current Situation

At the end of the tenth epidemiological week of 2022, Cabo Verde registered 55906 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, the country reported 7 active cases, 55446 cumulative recovered cases, and 401 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. During epidemiological weeks 9 and 10, the country did not register any deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 9 and 10 (28/02/2022 to 13/03/2022), the country recorded 22 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, 28/02/2022 to 13/03/2022

Island	Nº of cases notified	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	1	3
São Vicente	5	6
São Nicolau	0	0
Sal	9	21
Boavista	2	9
Maio	0	0
Santiago	5	2
Fogo	0	0
Brava	0	0
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 13/03/2022\*\*

Between 28/02/2022 to 13/03/2022, the cumulative incidence rate of notified COVID-19 cases at the national level was 4 cases per 100 000 inhabitants. The island of Sal reported the highest incidence rate of 21 cases per 100 000 inhabitants, followed by the islands of Boavista (9) and São Vicente with 6 per 100 000 inhabitants. The cumulative incidence rate per 100 000 was under 25 in all islands (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 10, a total of 2136 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 0.4% and a testing rate of 375 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. The islands of Boavista, Sal, and Santo Antão reported the highest positivity rates during epidemiological week 10, with 2.4%, 1.5%, and 1.2%, respectively (Table 2).

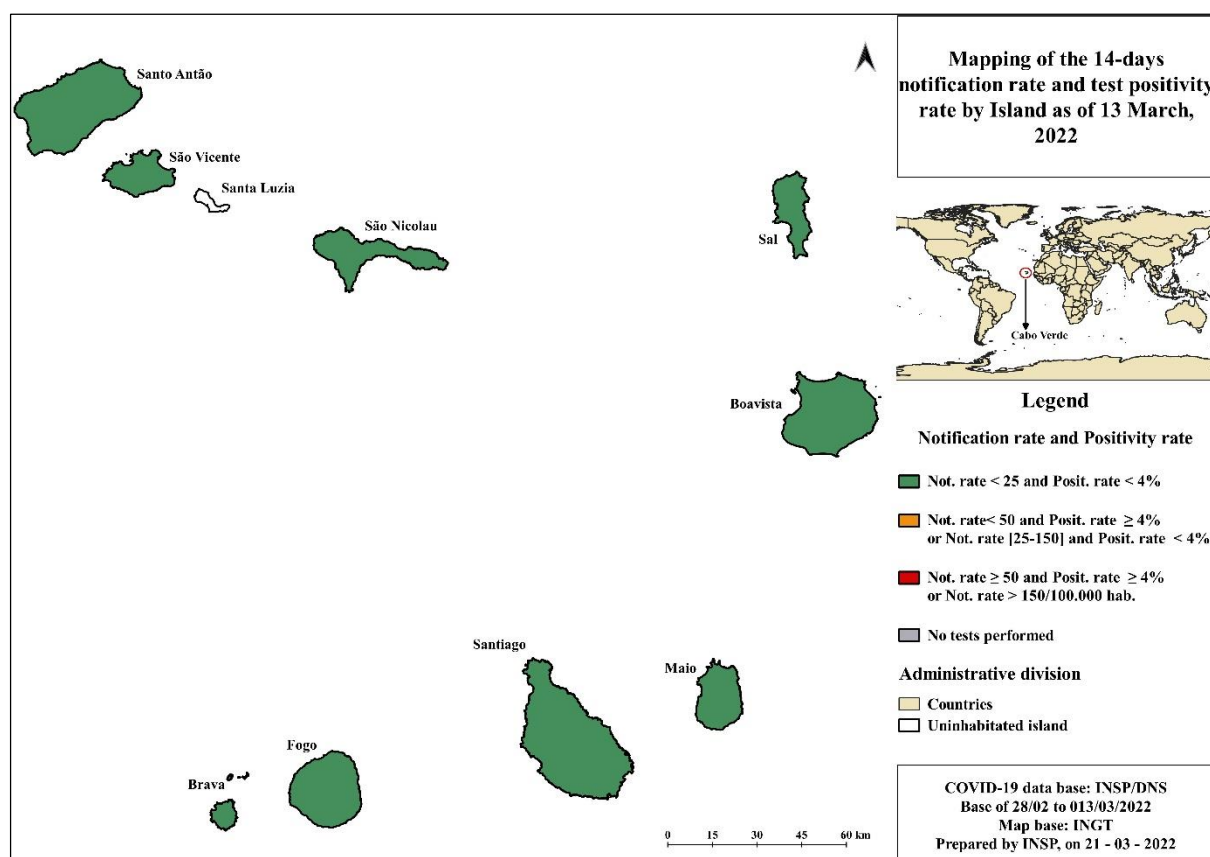
Table 2. Number of tests performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 10 (07/03/2022 to 13/03/2022) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	1065	1,2	224
São Vicente	134	0,6	565
São Nicolau	21	0	454
Sal	82	1,5	449
Boavista	488	2,4	186
Maio	197	0	673
Santiago	54	0,1	332
Fogo	41	0	389
Brava	54	0	397
Cabo Verde	2136	0	375

\*Total number of RT-PCR and Ag-RDT tests performed

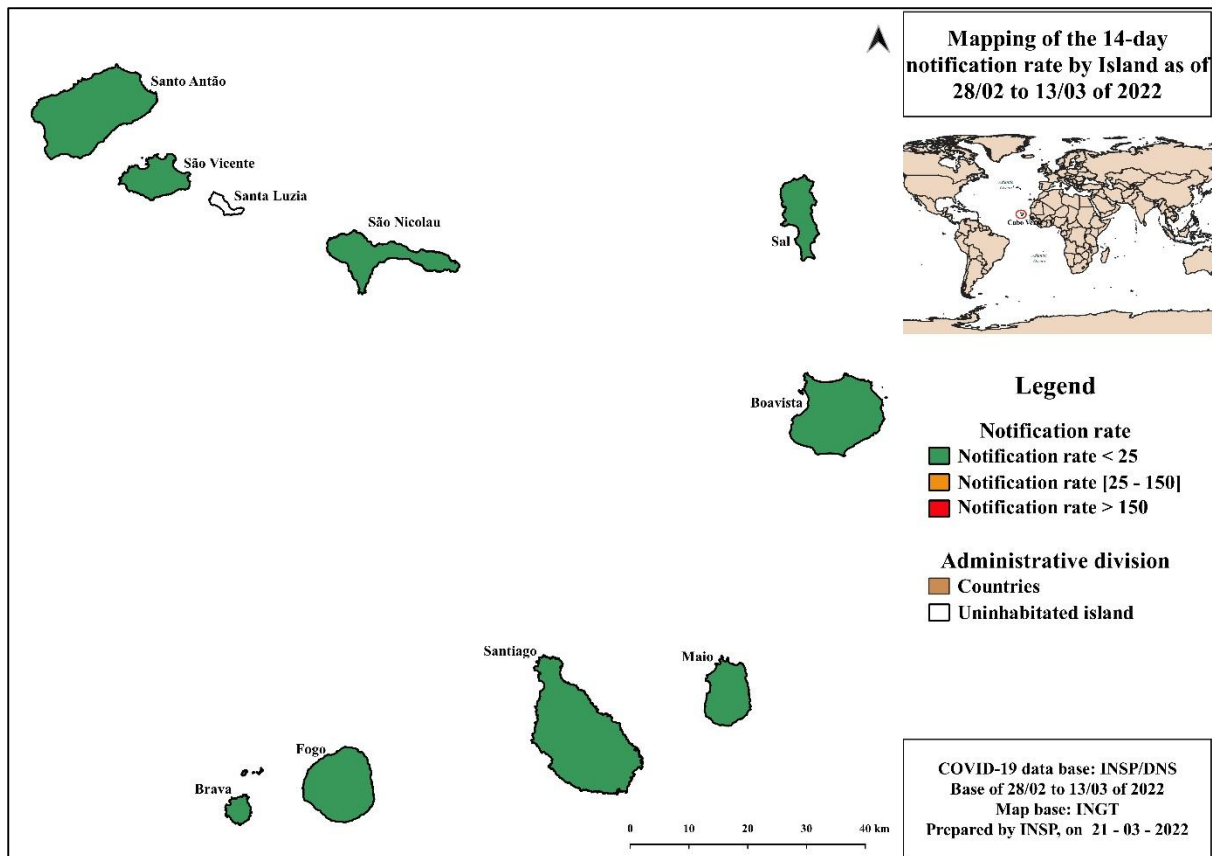
Sources: Virology laboratories of the National Institute of Public Health, Surveillance and Response Department, National Directorate of Health, Ministry of Health, as of 13/03/22

Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (28/02/2022 to 13/03/2022) and positivity rate in the previous week (07/03/2022 to 13/03/2022) by island<sup>1</sup>.



<sup>1</sup> Map elaborated in accordance with resolution nº 169/2020. Cabo Verde, *BOLETIM OFICIAL*, Cabo Verde: Boletim Oficial I serie, numero 132 de 26 de novembro de 2020, 2020, p. 2945.

Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (28/02/2022 to 13/03/2022) by island<sup>2</sup>



## Highlights

1. According to the official resolution nº 75 Series I of July 30, the Government:

- 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](https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/bo_30-07-2021_75.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Map elaborated in accordance with resolution nº 156/2020. Cabo Verde, *BOLETIM OFICIAL, SUPLEMENTO*. Cabo Verde: Boletim Oficial I serie, numero 135 de 14 de dezembro de 2020, 2020, p. 10.

2. Taking into account the current evolution of the COVID-19 epidemic in the country, the government of Cabo Verde has decided to relieve some measures, as declared by the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. The measure comes into force at 00:00 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March and will be in force for 30 days. It implies the following changes:

- The use of a face mask in public spaces is no longer mandatory, but it remains mandatory in closed spaces, or with places providing customer service, except for nightlife venues.
- The presentation of a covid-19 certificate of vaccination or negative test is no longer required to access restaurants and bars but is still required to access clubs and nightlife venues, as well as on inter-island and international trips.

The resolution No. 23/2022 is available in the Official Bulletin No.24 Series I of 4<sup>th</sup> of March and can be accessed at [https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/bo\\_04-03-2022\\_24.pdf](https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/bo_04-03-2022_24.pdf).

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