

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

Current Situation

At the end of the 20th epidemiological week of 2022, Cabo Verde registered 56 172 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On that day, the 22nd of May, 2022, the country reported 50 active cases, 55 669 cumulative recovered cases, and 401 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. During epidemiological weeks 19 and 20, the country did not register any deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 19 and 20 (09/05/2022 to 22/05/2022), the country recorded 109 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, 09/05/2022 to 22/05/2022

Island	Nº of cases notified*	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	20	54.6
São Vicente	23	26.6
São Nicolau	0	0.0
Sal	9	20.5
Boavista	27	122.5
Maio	0	0.0
Santiago	30	9.3
Fogo	0	0.0
Brava	0	0.0
Cabo Verde	109	19.1

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 22/05/2022*

Between 09/05/2022 to 22/05/2022, Santiago island accounted for 27.5% of Covid-19 cases reported, followed by Boavista island with 24.8% of cases and the highest cumulative incidence. Santo Antão, São Vicente and Boavista islands registered cumulative incidence rates of over 25 cases per 100 000 of the population (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 20, a total of 1 997 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods combined. The country registered a positivity rate of 3.0% and a testing rate of 350.7 tests per 100 000 inhabitants. (*Table 2*).

Table 2. Number of tests performed, positivity rate, and testing rate per 100,000 populations in epidemiological week 20 (09/05/2022 to 22/05/2022) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	150	5.3	409.4
São Vicente	352	4.8	407.7
São Nicolau	32	0.0	269.2
Sal	77	7.8	175.5
Boavista	71	18.3	322.2
Maio	58	0.0	722.5
Santiago	1078	1.5	335.9
Fogo	155	0.0	450.1
Brava	24	0.0	453.9
Cabo Verde	1997	3.0	350.7

*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 22/05/2022

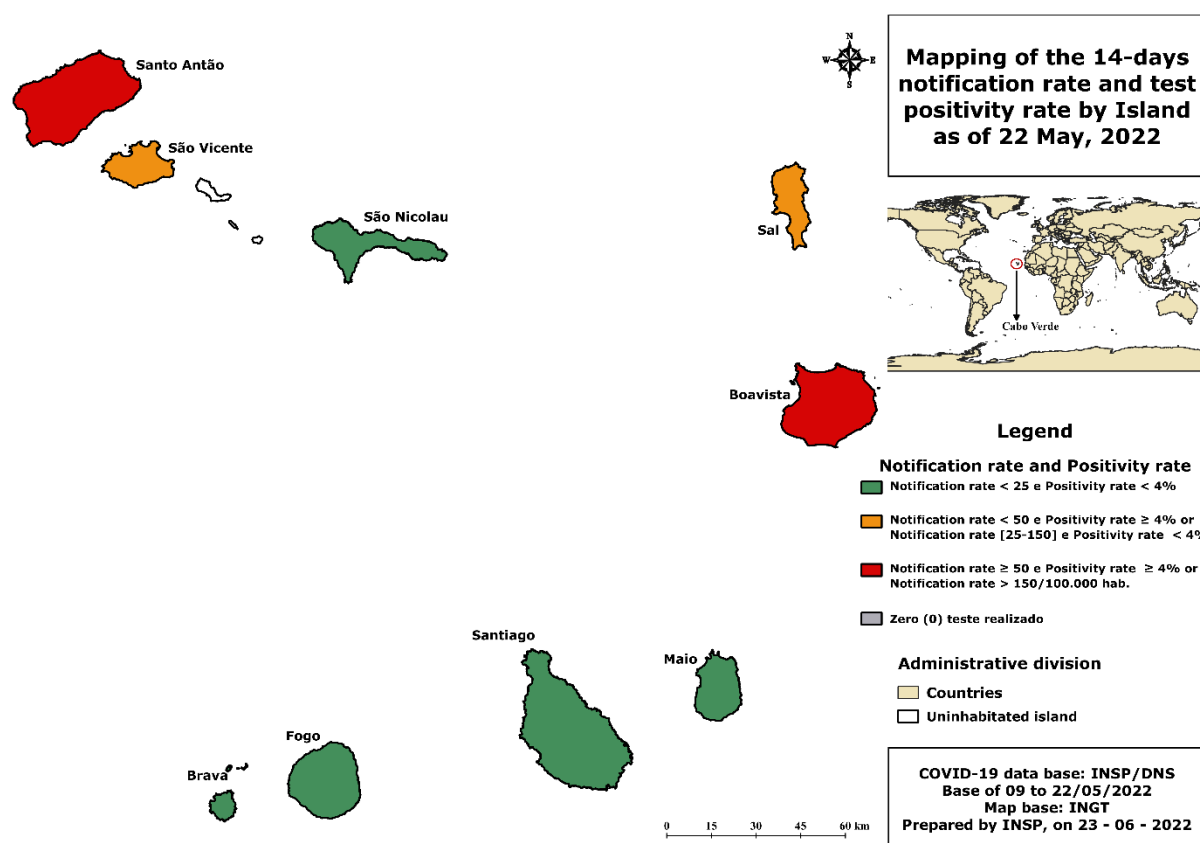


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (09/05/2022 to 22/05/2022) and positivity rate in the previous week (16/05/2022 to 22/05/2022) by island¹.

¹ 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.

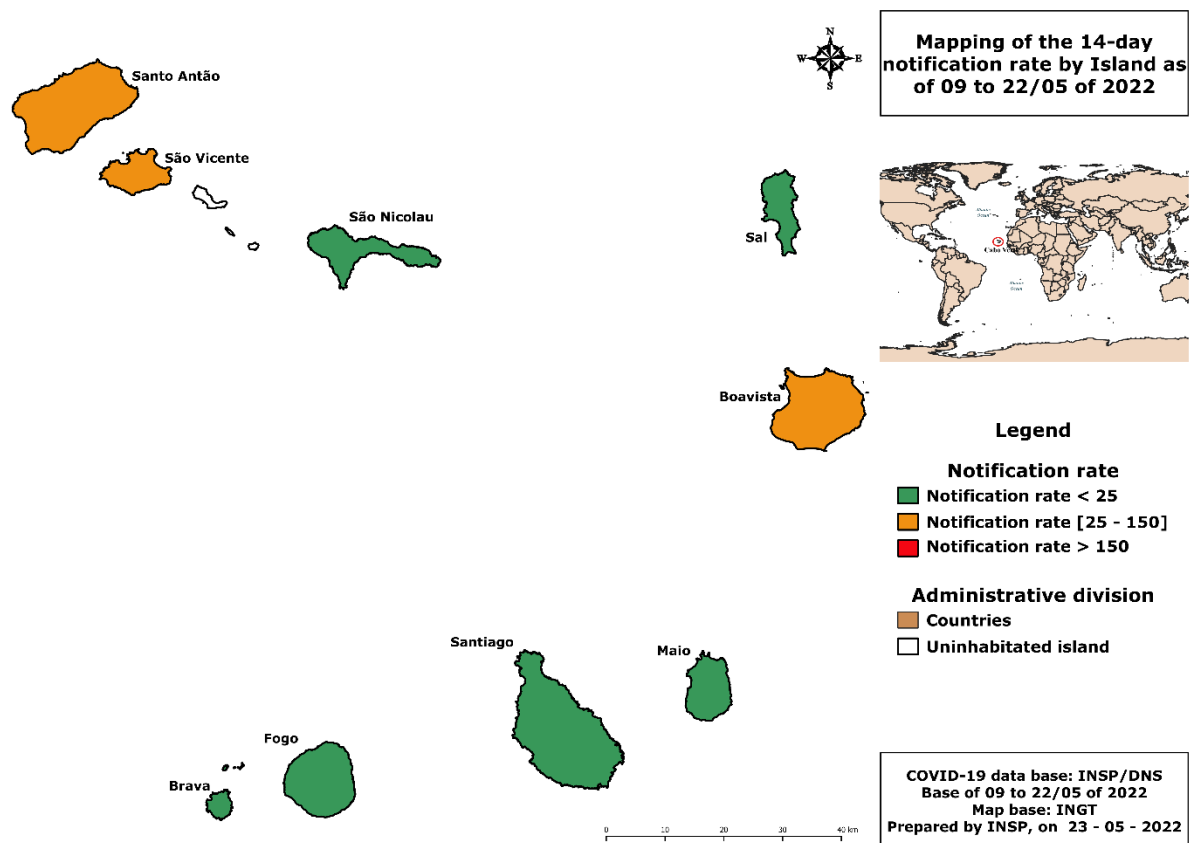


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (09/05/2022 to 22/05/2022) by island²

Highlights

1. According to the official resolution n^o 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.

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.

² Map elaborated in accordance with resolution n^o 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 4th of March. The measure came into force at 00:00 on the 6th of March, remained in force for 30 days initially, and was further extended for three more months. It implies the following:

- 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.

Resolution No. 23/2022 is available in the Official Bulletin No.24 Series I of the 4th of March and can be accessed at https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/bo_04-03-2022_24.pdf.

3. The resolution No. 36/2022 of 7th April approved the complete vaccination schedule against COVID-19, including an additional booster dose, in addition to the second dose or single dose. Resolution No. 36/2022 is available at https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/bo_07-04-2022_37.pdf.

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