

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

Current Situation

At the end of the 26th epidemiological week of 2022, Cabo Verde registered 61 002 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On the 03rd of July, 2022, the country reported 1175 active cases, 59 370 cumulative recovered cases, and 405 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. During epidemiological weeks 25 and 26, the country registered two deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 25 and 26 (20/06/2022 to 03/07/2022), the country recorded 2821 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, 20/06/2022 to 03/07/2022

Island	Nº of cases notified*	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	107	292,0
São Vicente	443	513,0
São Nicolau	158	1329,1
Sal	40	91,2
Boavista	31	140,7
Maió	67	834,7
Santiago	1563	487,0
Fogo	369	1071,4
Brava	43	813,2
Cabo Verde	2821	495,3

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 03/07/2022*

Between 20/06/2022 to 03/07/2022, Santiago Island accounted for 55.4% of Covid-19 cases while the highest cumulative incidence was registered in São Nicolau. All nine islands registered cumulative incidence rates of under 25 cases per 100 000 of the population (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 26, a total of 4978 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods. The country registered a positivity rate of 30,6% and a testing rate of 874,1 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 26 (20/06/2022 to 03/07/2022) by island

Ilha	Number of tests performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	272	30,1	742,3
São Vicente	876	29,2	1 014,5
São Nicolau	232	39,7	1 951,6
Sal	239	7,1	544,7
Boavista	152	13,8	689,9
Maio	149	24,2	1 856,2
Santiago	2312	33,0	720,3
Fogo	553	43,0	1 605,7
Brava	193	10,4	3 649,9
Cabo Verde	4978	30,6	874,1

*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 03/07/2022

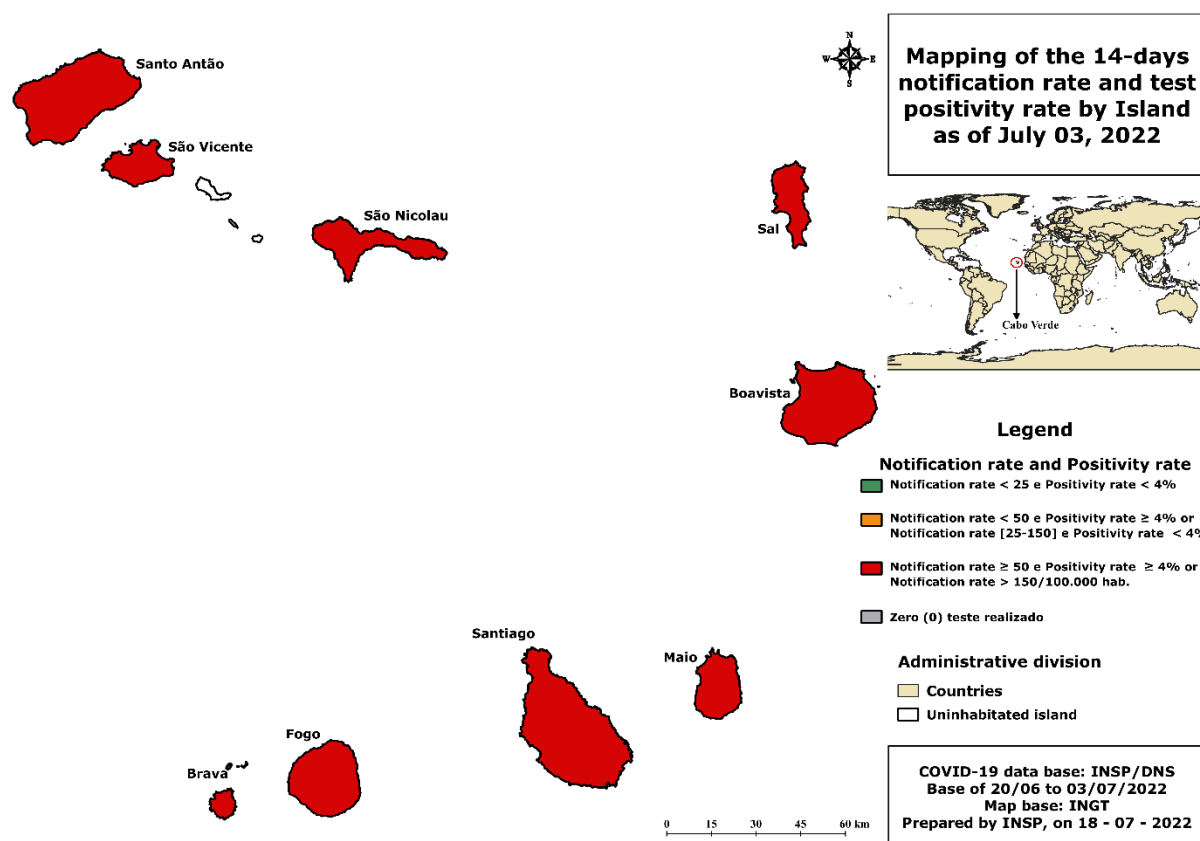


Figure 1. The incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (20/06/2022 to 03/07/2022) and positivity rate in the previous week (20/06/2022 to 03/07/2022) by island¹.

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.

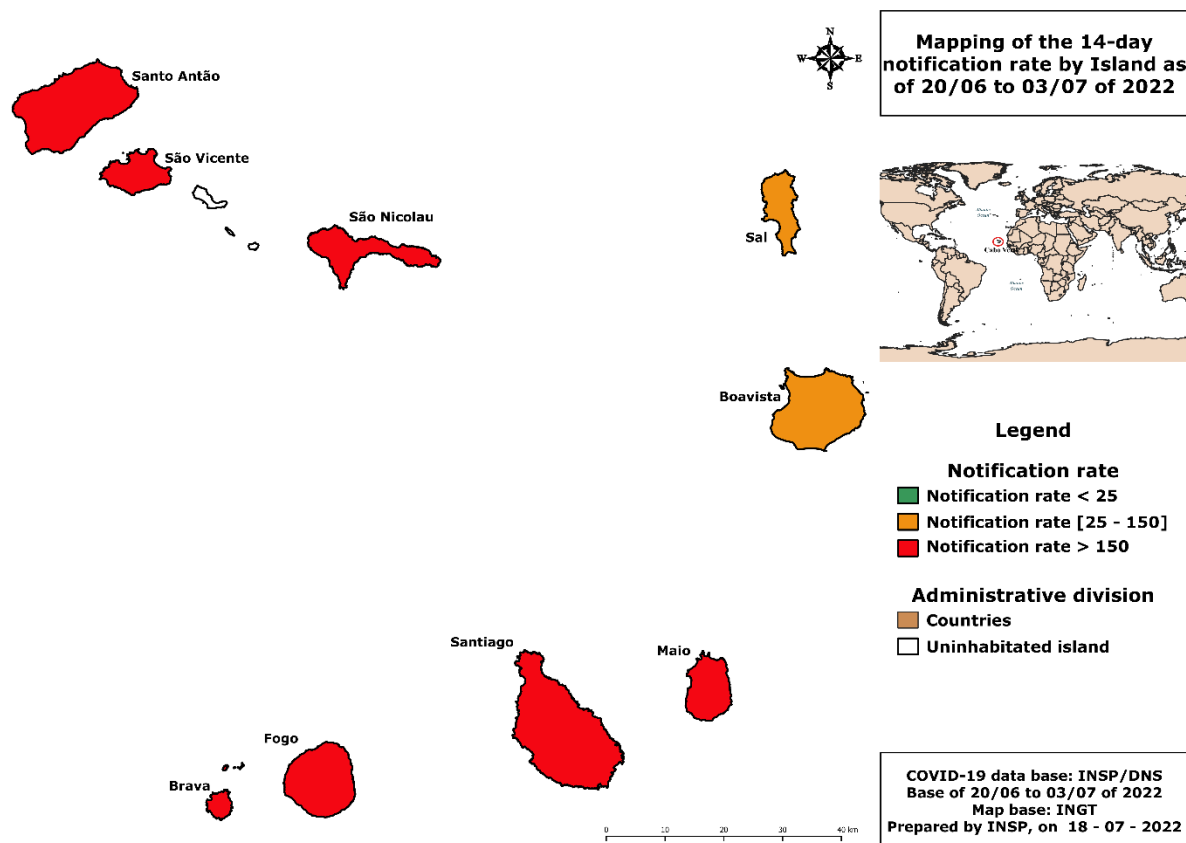


Figure 2. The incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (20/06/2022 to 03/07/2022) by islands²

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.

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 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 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. 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.

4. Resolution No. 66/2022 of 14th of June approved the requirement of a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate which includes a booster dose for inter-island travel. Available at https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/bo_14-06-2022_59.pdf.

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