

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

Current Situation

At the end of the 28th epidemiological week of 2022, Cabo Verde registered 61 922 accumulated cases of COVID-19. On the 17th of July, 2022, the country reported 284 active cases, 61 174 cumulative recovered cases, and 409 cumulative deaths from COVID-19. During epidemiological weeks 26 and 28, the country registered four deaths from COVID-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 27 and 28 (04/07/2022 to 17/07/2022), the country recorded 907 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, 04/07/2022 to 17/07/2022

Island	Nº of cases notified*	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	67	182,9
São Vicente	176	203,8
São Nicolau	63	529,9
Sal	33	75,2
Boavista	14	63,5
Maio	40	498,3
Santiago	322	100,3
Fogo	192	557,5
Brava	0	0,0
Cabo Verde	907	159,3

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 17/07/2022*

Between 04/07/2022 to 17/07/2022, Santiago Island accounted for 35.5% of Covid-19 cases while the highest cumulative incidence was registered in São Nicolau. All eight islands registered cumulative incidence rates of under 25 cases per 100 000 of the population (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 28, a total of 3551 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods. The country registered a positivity rate of 9,0% and a testing rate of 623,5 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 28 (11/07/2022 to 17/07/2022) by island

Ilha	Number of tests performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	256	10,9	698,7
São Vicente	664	8,9	769,0
São Nicolau	134	15,7	1 127,2
Sal	139	7,9	316,8
Boavista	194	3,6	880,5
Maio	147	10,9	1 831,2
Santiago	1378	7,9	429,3
Fogo	532	13,2	1 544,7
Brava	107	0,0	2 023,5
Cabo Verde	3551	9,0	623,5

*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 17/07/2022

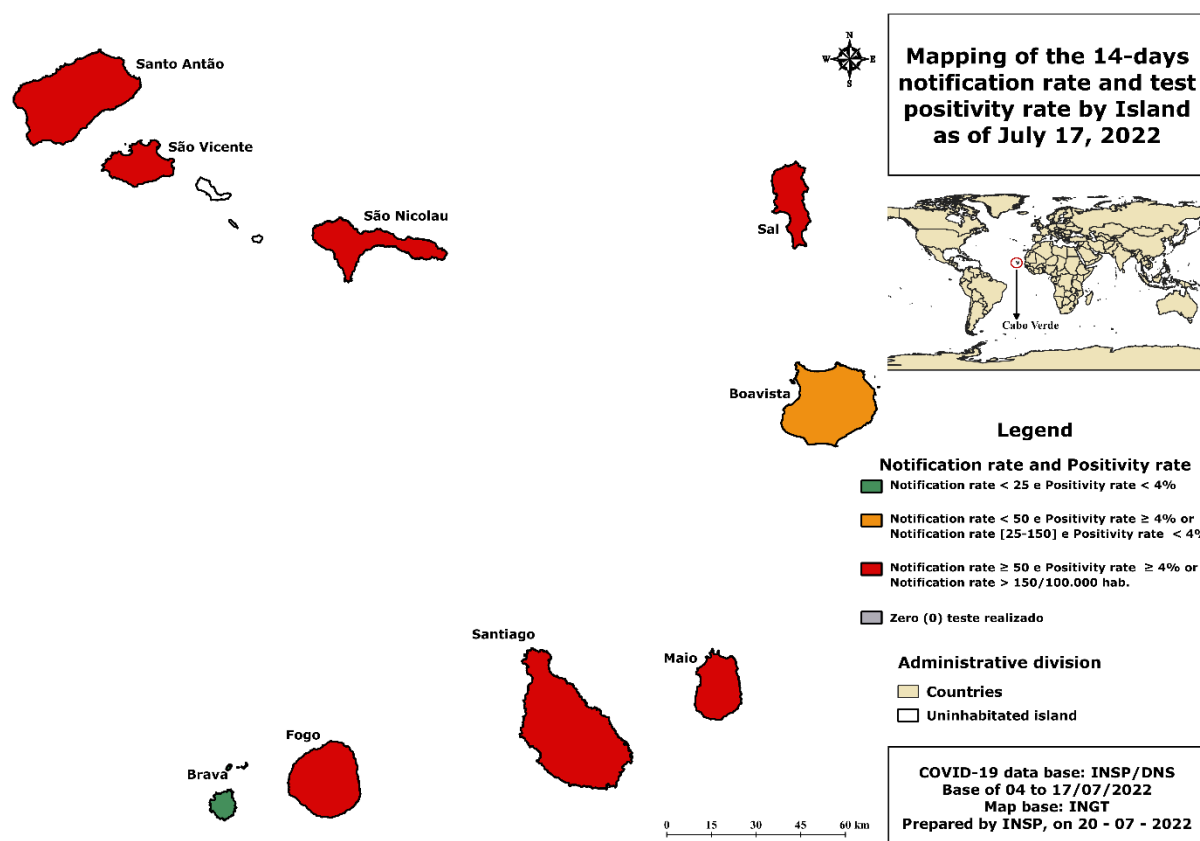


Figure 1. The incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (04/07/2022 to 17/07/2022) and positivity rate in the previous week (11/07/2022 to 17/07/2022) by island¹.

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.

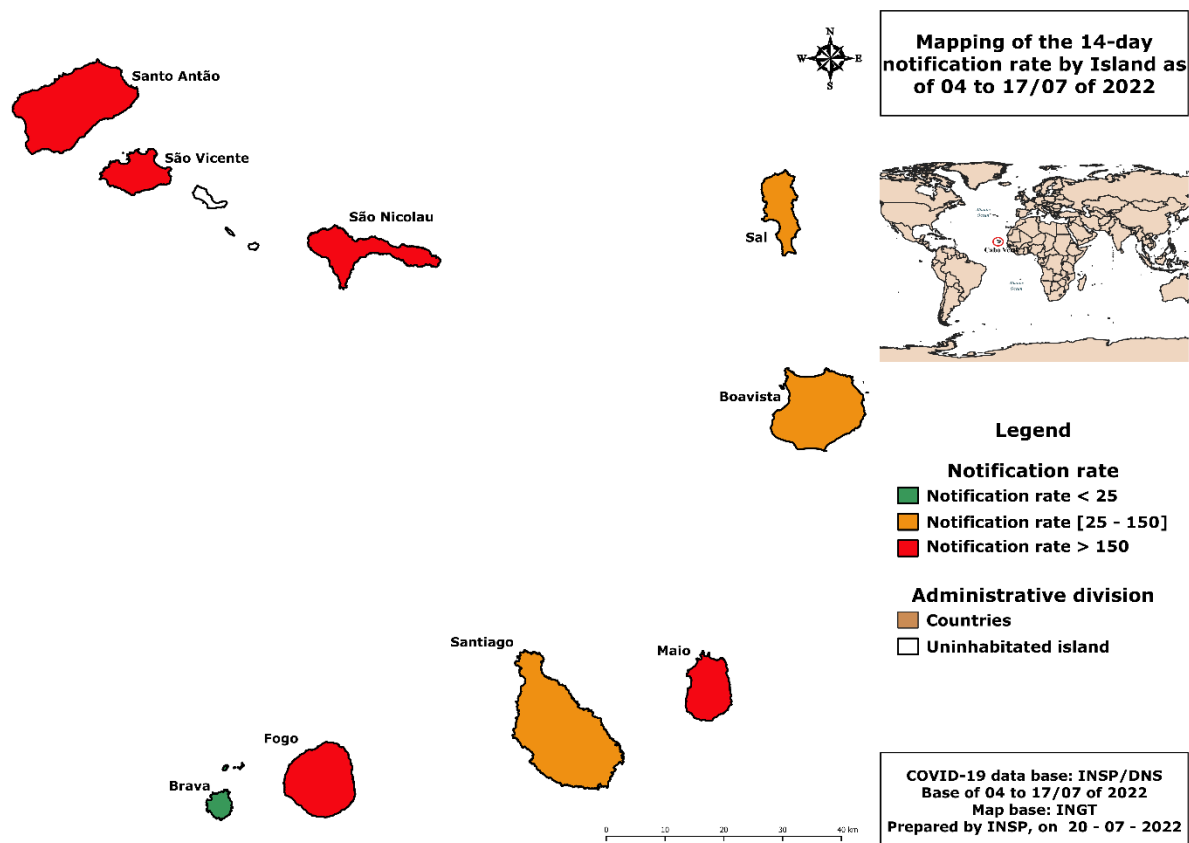


Figure 2. The incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (04/07/2022 to 17/07/2022) by islands²

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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