

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

Current Situation

At the end of the 30th epidemiological week of 2022, Cabo Verde registered 62 159 accumulated cases of Covid-19. On the 31st of July, 2022, the country reported 83 active cases, 61 611 cumulative recovered cases, and 410 cumulative deaths from Covid-19. During epidemiological weeks 29 and 30, the country registered one death from Covid-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 29 and 30 (18/07/2022 to 31/07/2022), the country recorded 87 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, 18/07/2022 to 31/07/2022

Island	N° of cases notified*	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	21	57
São Vicente	36	42
São Nicolau	12	101
Sal	14	32
Boavista	18	82
Maio	13	162
Santiago	90	28
Fogo	34	99
Brava	0	0
Cabo Verde	238	42

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 31/07/2022*

Between 18/07/2022 to 31/07/2022, Santiago island accounted for 37.8% of Covid-19 cases reported while the highest cumulative incidence was registered in Maio. Brava island did not register any Covid-19 cases in this period, (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 30, a total of 3720 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods. The country registered a positivity rate of 2.5% and a testing rate of 653 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 30 (25/07/2022 to 31/07/2022) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	204	2,9	556,7
São Vicente	533	3,0	617,3
São Nicolau	104	5,8	874,8
Sal	210	1,9	478,6
Boavista	172	6,4	780,6
Maio	96	5,2	1 195,9
Santiago	1969	2,1	613,5
Fogo	363	1,4	1 054,0
Brava	69	0,0	1 304,9
Cabo Verde	3720	2,5	653,2

*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 31/07/2022

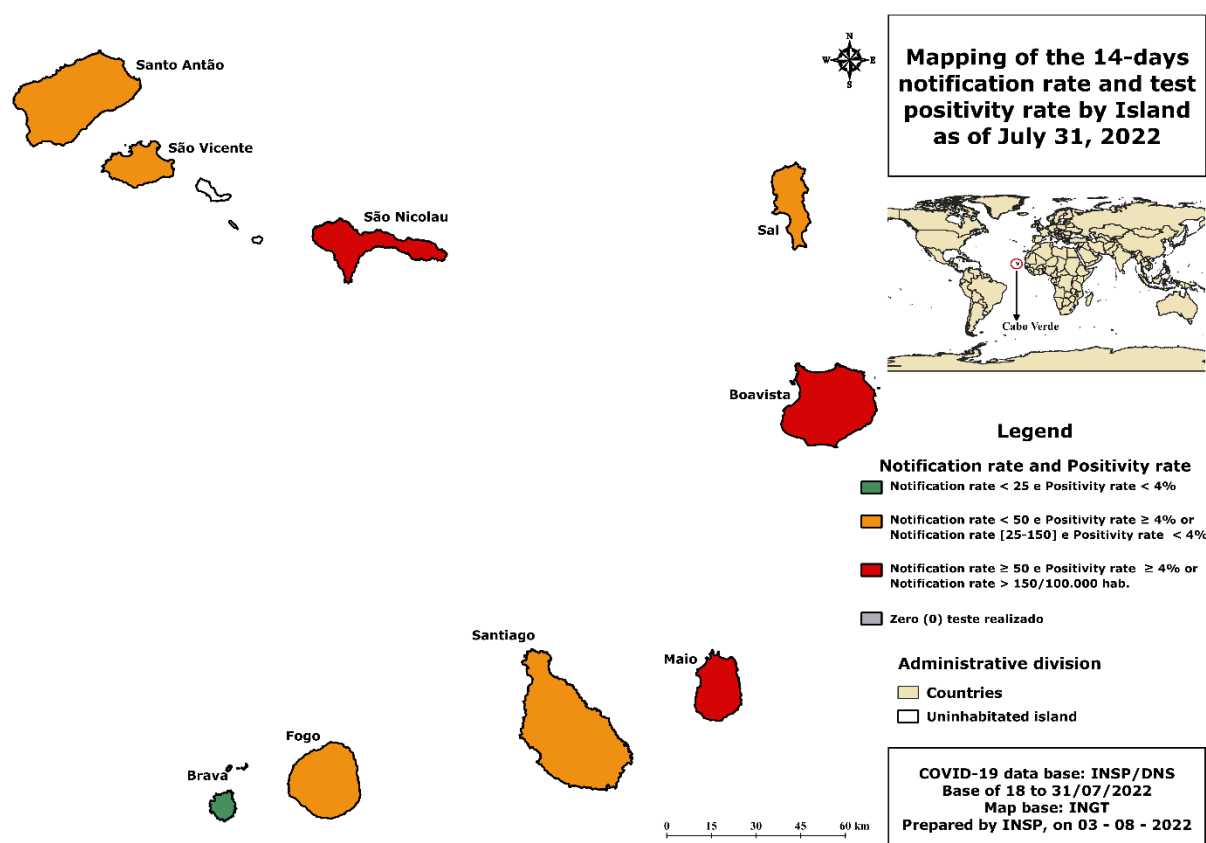


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (18/07/2022 to 31/07/2022) and positivity rate in the previous week (25/07/2022 to 31/07/2022) by island¹.

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.

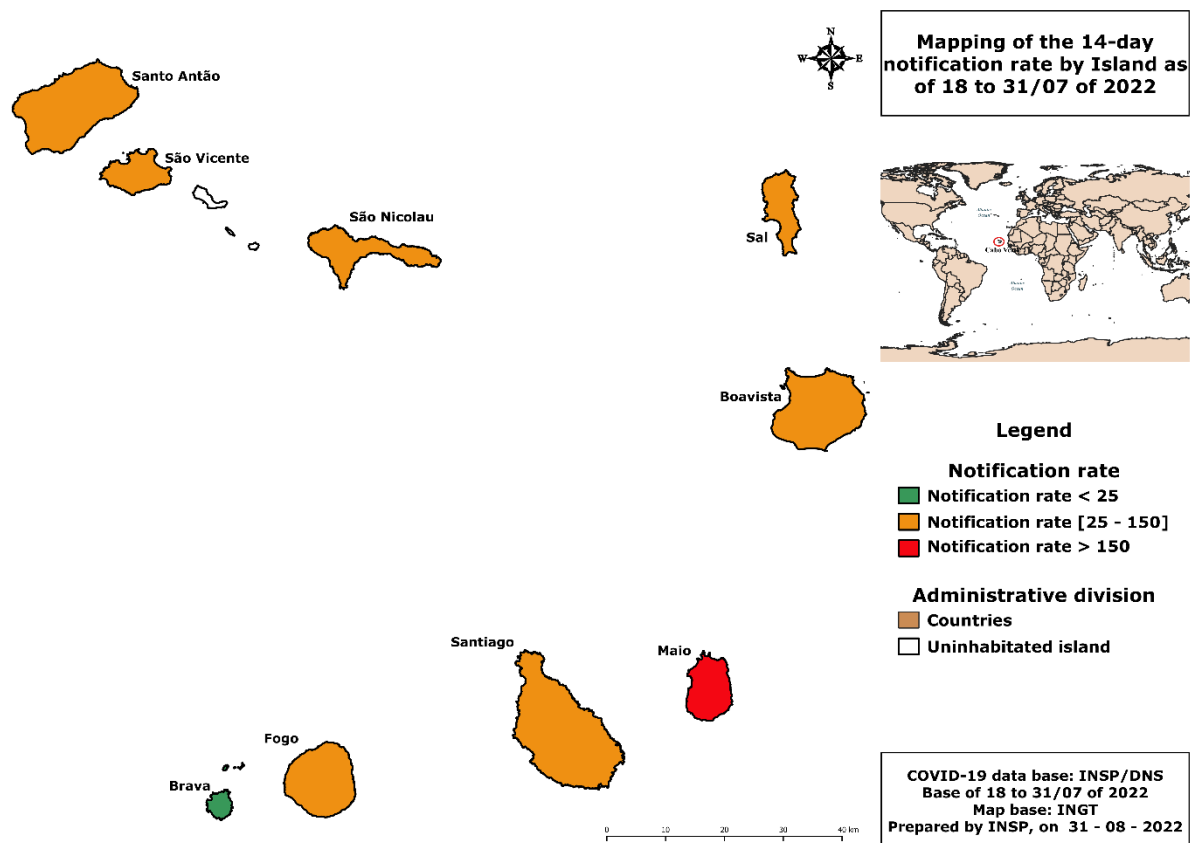


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (18/07/2022 to 31/07/2022) by island²

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. 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.

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

5. Considering the epidemiological situation characterized by an increase in Covid-19 cases through the country, the government has approved the resolution 76/2022, extending the situation of alert for three more months, starting on the 7th of July. Available at https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/bo_07-07-2022_66.pdf.

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