

## Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

### Current Situation

At the end of the 36<sup>th</sup> epidemiological week of 2022, Cabo Verde registered 62 344 accumulated cases of Covid-19. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, 2022, the country reported 16 active cases, 61 863 cumulative recovered cases, and 410 cumulative deaths from Covid-19. During epidemiological weeks 35 and 36, the country did not register any deaths from Covid-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 35 and 36 (29/08/2022 to 11/09/2022), the country recorded 34 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, 29/08/2022 to 11/09/2022*

| Island            | Nº of cases notified* | 14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Santo Antão       | 5                     | 14  |
| São Vicente       | 4                     | 5   |
| São Nicolau       | 8                     | 67  |
| Sal               | 6                     | 14  |
| Boavista          | 2                     | 9   |
| Maio              | 0                     | 0   |
| Santiago          | 8                     | 2   |
| Fogo              | 1                     | 3   |
| Brava             | 0                     | 0   |
| <b>Cabo Verde</b> | <b>34</b>             | <b>6</b>                                      |

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 11/09/2022\*

Between 29/08/2022 to 11/09/2022, Santiago island accounted for 23.5% of Covid-19 cases reported while the highest cumulative incidence was registered in São Nicolau. Brava island did not register any Covid-19 cases in this period, (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 36, a total of 2 409 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods. The country registered a positivity rate of 0.5% and a testing rate of 423 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 36 (05/09/2022 to 11/09/2022) by island

| Ilha              | Number of testes performed * | Positivity rate (%) | Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Santo Antão       | 86                           | 3.5                 | 234.7                            |
| São Vicente       | 405                          | 0.5                 | 469.0                            |
| São Nicolau       | 87                           | 1.1                 | 731.8                            |
| Sal               | 115                          | 0.9                 | 262.1                            |
| Boavista          | 63                           | 1.6                 | 285.9                            |
| Maio              | 213                          | 0.0                 | 2653.5                           |
| Santiago          | 1098                         | 0.4                 | 342.1                            |
| Fogo              | 256                          | 0.4                 | 743.3                            |
| Brava             | 86                           | 0.0                 | 1626.3                           |
| <b>Cabo Verde</b> | <b>2409</b>                  | <b>0.5</b>          | <b>423.0</b>                     |

\*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 11/09/2022

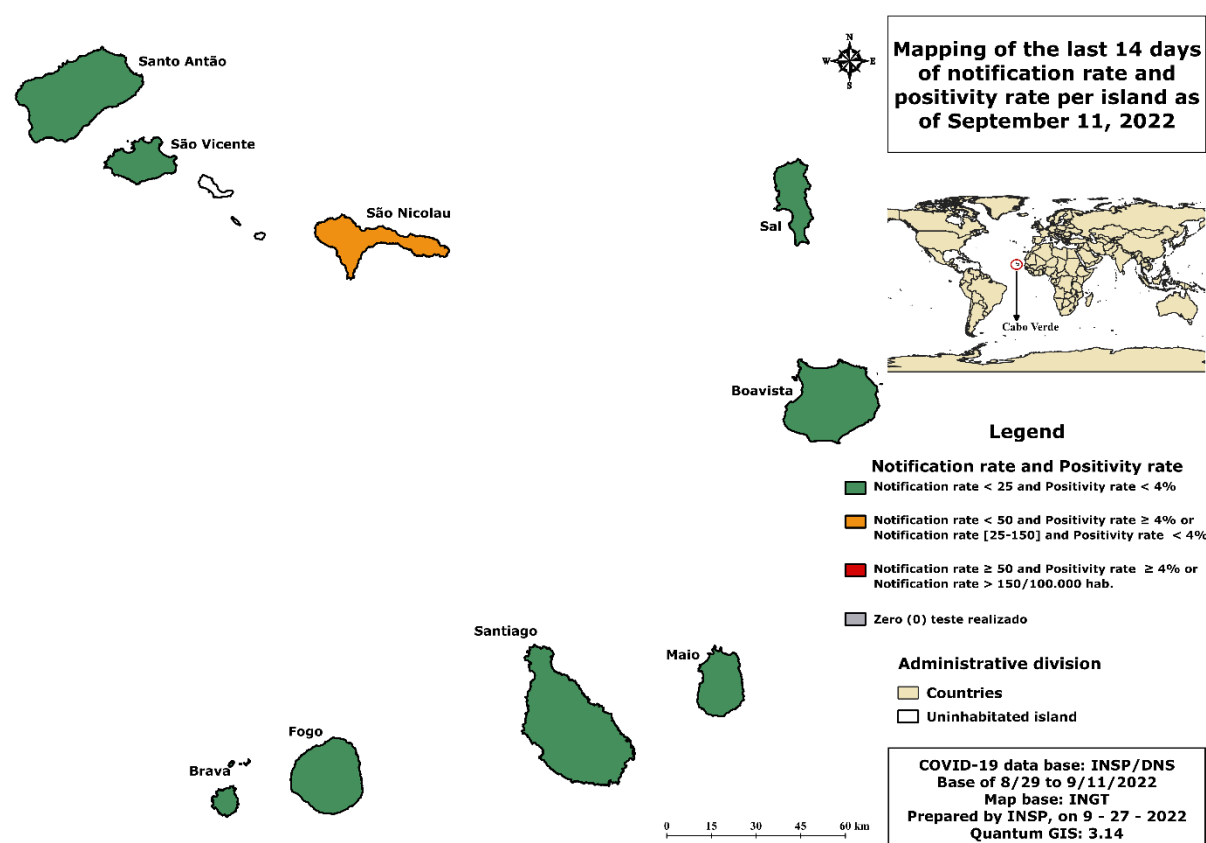


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (29/08/2022 to 11/09/2022) and positivity rate in the previous week (05/09/2022 to 11/09/2022) by island<sup>1</sup>.

<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.

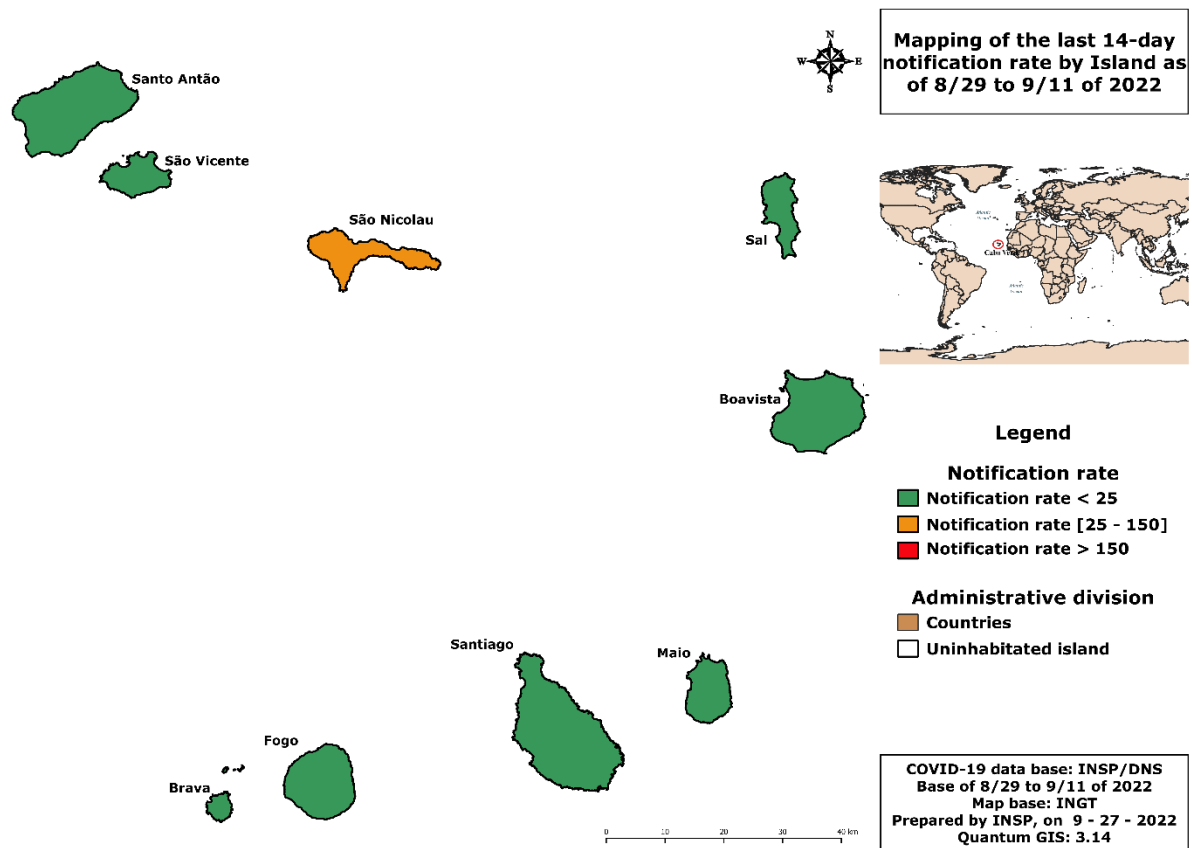


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (29/08/2022 to 11/09/2022) by island<sup>2</sup>

## Highlights

1. According to the official resolution n<sup>o</sup> 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](https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/bo_30-07-2021_75.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Map elaborated in accordance with resolution n<sup>o</sup> 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 came into force at 00:00 on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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).

3. The resolution No. 36/2022 of 7<sup>th</sup> 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](https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/bo_07-04-2022_37.pdf).

4. The resolution No. 66/2022 of 14<sup>th</sup> 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](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 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Available at [https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/bo\\_07-07-2022\\_66.pdf](https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/bo_07-07-2022_66.pdf).

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