

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

Current Situation

At the end of the 50th epidemiological week of 2022, Cabo Verde registered 63173 accumulated cases of Covid-19. On the 18th of December, 2022, the country reported 33 active cases, 62673 cumulative recovered cases, and 412 cumulative deaths from Covid-19. During epidemiological weeks 49 and 50, the country did not register any deaths due to Covid-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 49 and 50 (05/12/2022 to 18/12/2022), the country recorded 76 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, 05/12/2022 to 18/12/2022

Island	Nº of cases notified*	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	14	38
São Vicente	24	28
São Nicolau	15	126
Sal	1	2
Boavista	5	23
Maio	4	50
Santiago	20	6
Fogo	3	9
Brava	0	0
Cabo Verde	76	13

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 18/12/2022*

Between 05/12/2022 to 18/12/2022, Santiago island accounted for 26,3% of Covid-19 cases reported and the highest cumulative incidence was registered in São Nicolau. One island did not register any Covid-19 cases in this period, (Table 1).

During epidemiological week 50, a total of 1112 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods. The country registered a positivity rate of 7.9% and a testing rate of 195.3 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 50 (05/12/2022 to 18/12/2022) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	111	12.6	302.9
São Vicente	216	11.1	250.2
São Nicolau	72	23.6	605.7
Sal	29	3.4	66.1
Boavista	35	0.0	158.9
Maio	41	9.8	510.8
Santiago	587	3.4	182.9
Fogo	18	16.7	52.3
Brava	3	0.0	56.7
Cabo Verde	1112	7.9	195.3

*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 18/12/2022

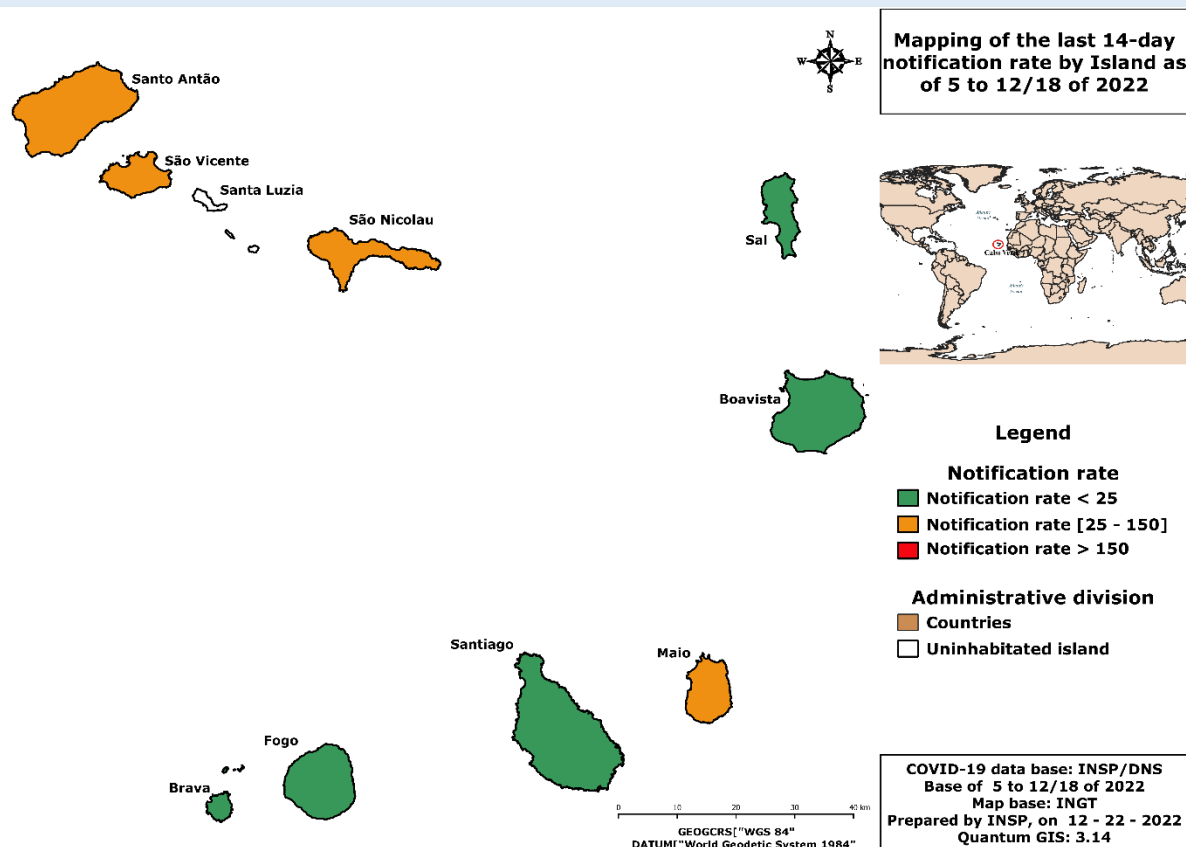


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (05/12/2022 to 18/12/2022) and positivity rate in the previous week (13/11/2022 to 18/12/2022) by island¹.

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.

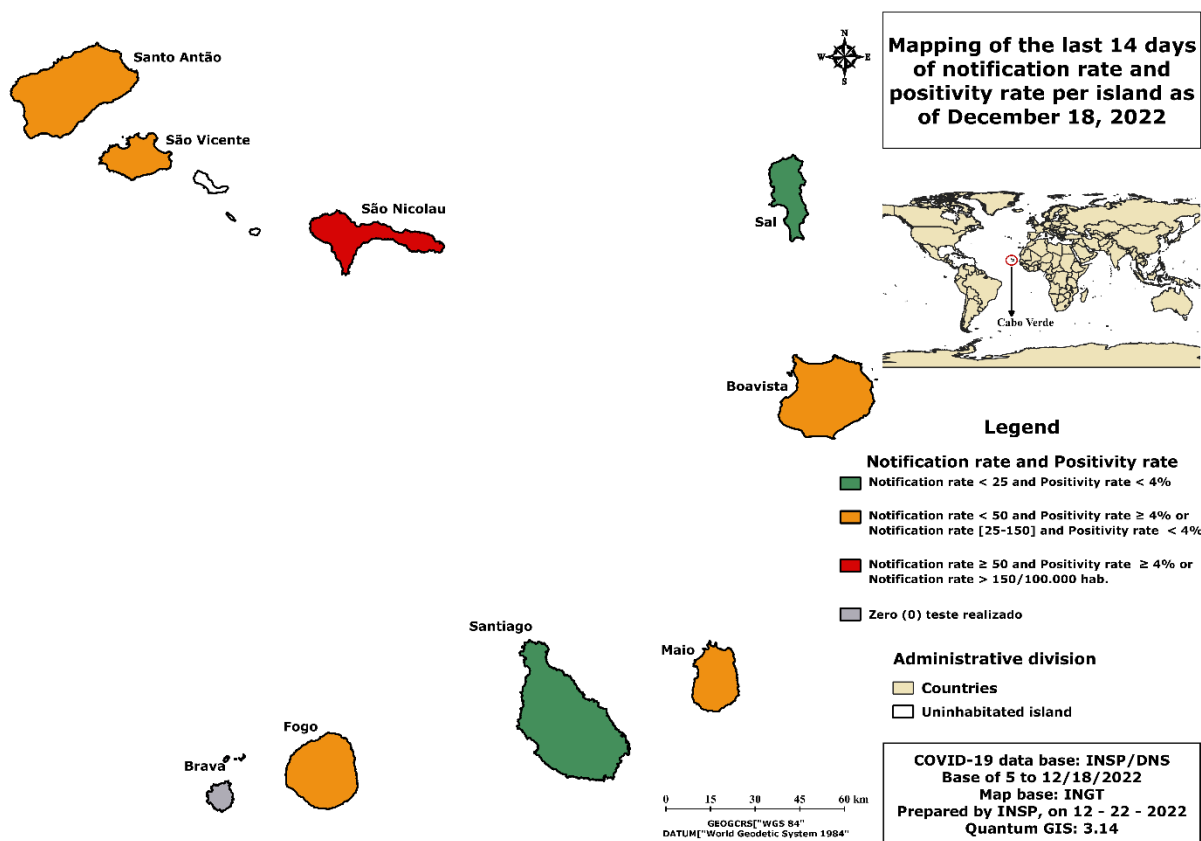


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (05/12/2022 to 18/12/2022) by island²

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 Cabo Verde and recognition of COVID Certificates issued by third countries or multilateral institutions.

The "COVID Certificate of Cabo 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. 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.

3. The Government approved Resolution No. 84/2022, of 14 September, which puts an end to the alert situation across the country. This measure stems from the satisfactory evolution of the epidemiological situation experienced in Cabo Verde as a result of the high vaccination coverage in all municipalities in the country.

The use of face masks in spaces and establishments, as well as in collective passenger transport, land, air and sea, is no longer mandatory, constituting a public health recommendation.

For inter-island and international trips to Cabo Verde, it is no longer mandatory for passengers and crew traveling by air and sea to present a valid COVID-19 Certificate, or a negative screening test result. For international travel originating in Cabo Verde, the requirement for COVID-19 Certificates or testing depends on the guidelines of the health authorities of the countries of destination.

Resolution No. 84/2022 is available in the Official Bulletin No.89 Series I of the 14th of September and can be accessed at <https://kiosk.incv.cv/1.1.89.4404/>.

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