

## Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 in Cabo Verde

### Current Situation

At the end of the 52<sup>th</sup> epidemiological week of 2022, Cabo Verde registered 63203 accumulated cases of Covid-19. On the 31<sup>th</sup> of December, 2022, the country reported 3 active cases, 62733 cumulative recovered cases, and 412 cumulative deaths from Covid-19. During epidemiological weeks 51 and 52, the country did not register any deaths due to Covid-19.

In the period corresponding to epidemiological weeks 51 and 52 (19/12/2022 to 31/12/2022), the country recorded 36 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, 19/12/2022 to 31/12/2022*

Island	Nº of cases notified*	14-day incidence rate per 100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	10	27
São Vicente	7	8
São Nicolau	6	50
Sal	2	5
Boavista	1	5
Maio	0	0
Santiago	5	2
Fogo	5	15
Brava	0	0
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>

Sources: SVIR, DNS, MSSS, as of 31/12/2022\*

Between 05/12/2022 to 18/12/2022, Santo Antão island accounted for 27,7% of Covid-19 cases reported and the highest cumulative incidence was registered in São Nicolau. Two island did not register any Covid-19 cases in this period, (*Table 1*).

During epidemiological week 52 a total of 251 samples were processed nationwide through RT-PCR and antigen tests (AG-RDT) diagnostic methods. The country registered a positivity rate of 2.4% and a testing rate of 44.1 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 52 (26/12/2022 to 31/12/2022) by island

Ilha	Number of testes performed *	Positivity rate (%)	Testing rate/100 000 inhabitants
Santo Antão	52	3.8	141.9
São Vicente	14	0.0	16.2
São Nicolau	26	7.7	218.7
Sal	13	0.0	29.6
Boavista	3	0.0	13.6
Maio	9	0.0	112.1
Santiago	118	0.8	36.8
Fogo	16	6.3	46.5
Brava	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cabo Verde</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>44.1</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 31/12/2022

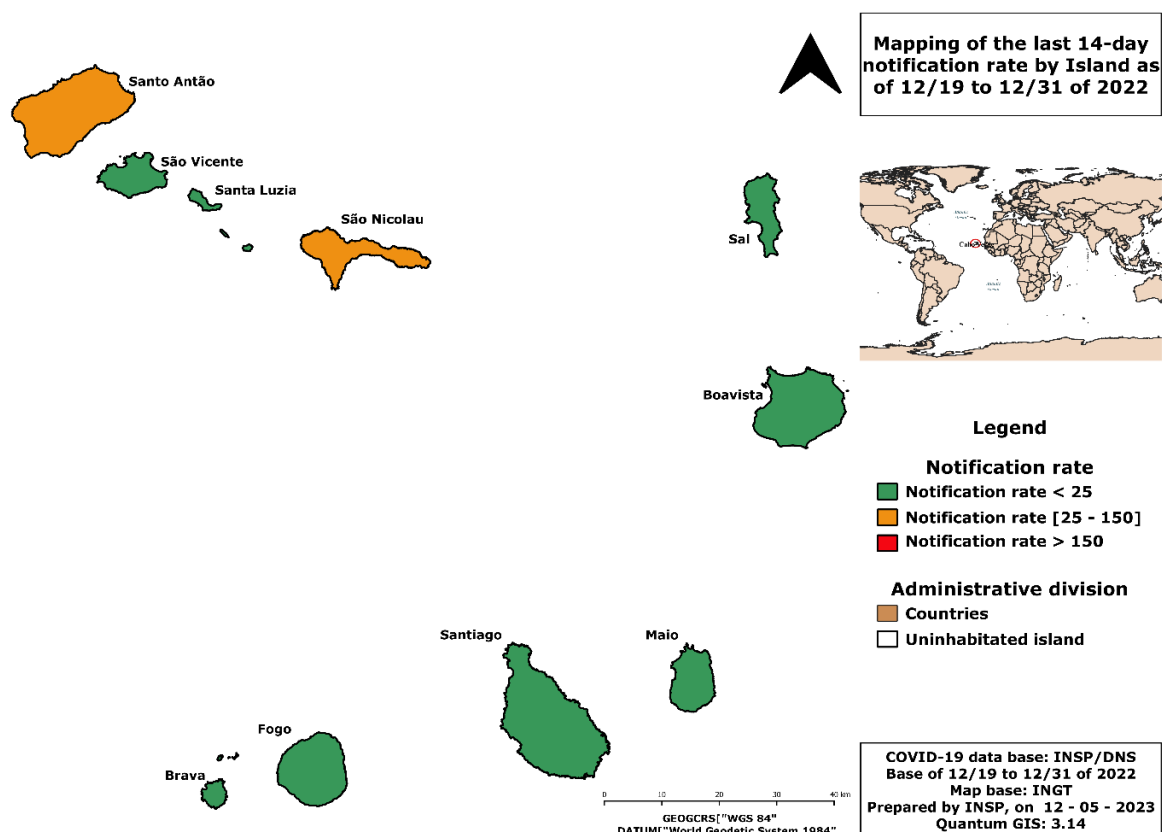


Figure 1. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (19/12/2022 to 31/12/2022) and positivity rate in the previous week (26/12/2022 to 31/12/2022) by island<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

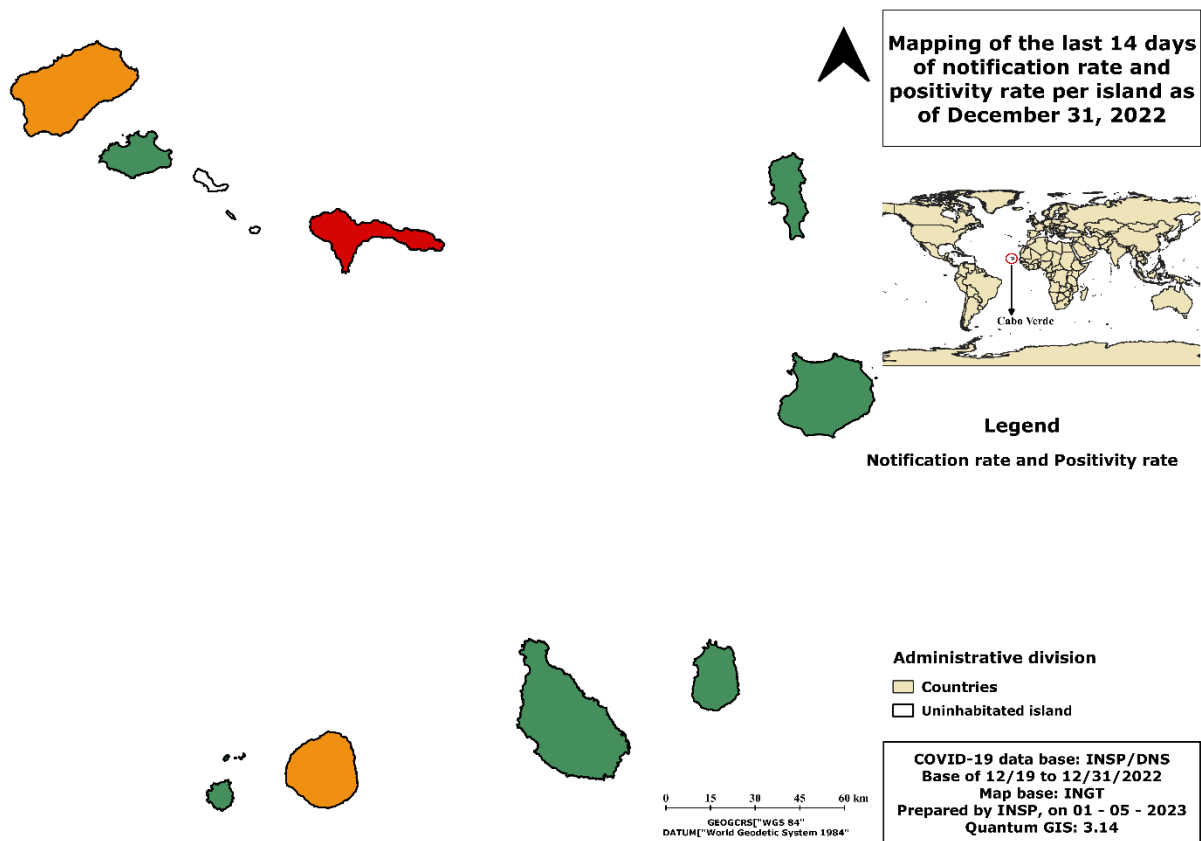


Figure 2. Incidence rate of cases reported in the last 14 days per 100 thousand inhabitants (26/12/2022 to 31/12/2022) by island<sup>2</sup>

## 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 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](https://covid19.cv/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/bo_30-07-2021_75.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> 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. 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).

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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