



How is the coronavirus impacting Latin America?

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SFS is actively tracking the confirmed coronavirus cases, deaths, mortality rate, and mitigation measures in Latin America. While every country varies in terms of its testing capabilities, cases are present in every Latin American country. Updated below is a sampling of these countries, sourced from local government websites and their social media platforms.

In October, COVID-19 rates slowed in the region. The worst is not over, as countries are still experiencing increases in confirmed cases daily and the economic fallout from the virus will impact the region for years to come.

At first glance, Brazil appears to have the worst contagion in the region with the highest gross number of confirmed cases and coronavirus related deaths. When adjusting per capita, however, Panama, Peru, and Chile, (in that order), have worse community spread of the virus than Brazil, each surpassing 250 cases per 10,000 inhabitants. Panama leads the region with 288 cases per 10,000 inhabitants, whereas Peru comes in at 263 cases per 10,000 inhabitants. Peru also leads the region in COVID-19 related deaths per capita at 10.3 per 10k.

The average Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of COVID-19 in Latin America dropped, again, to 3.6 percent. The outlier continues to be Mexico with a 10.16% CFR. Nicaragua's erratic reporting has seemed to normalize with 5,353 confirmed cases and 154 deaths. Aside from Bolivia and Ecuador, the rest of the region has a CFR under the 3.6% regional average.

Confirmed cases are still increasing in the region, although at a slower rate, and countries in Latin America are completely open or beginning a phased opening of their economies. Only Argentina and Venezuela are imposing total quarantines, while Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Honduras, and Peru have partial quarantines based hourly or by region. Data shows the region has administered over forty million tests, however, this is still only a fraction of the almost 650 million people that live in Latin America.



TRACKING COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA

Country	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Death Rate	Total Tests	Quarantine Extensions
Argentina	979,119	26,107	2.67%	2,626,406	October 25
Belize	2,775	43	1.55%	19,197	
Bolivia	139,710	8,463	6.06%	321,061	Partial until October 31
Brazil	5,224,362	153,675	2.94%	17,900,000	Partial until October 25
Chile	490,003	13,588	2.77%	3,929,612	Partial until further notice
Colombia	952,371	28,803	3.02%	4,467,051	
Costa Rica	95,514	1,183	1.24%	271,394	
Cuba	6,220	125	2.01%	749,924	
Dominican Republic	121,347	2,199	1.81%	545,492	
Ecuador	152,422	8,087	5.31%	495,852	
El Salvador	31,666	922	2.91%	446,343	
Guatemala	101,028	3,515	3.48%	390,147	
Guyana	3,710	109	2.94%	17,135	
Haiti	8,925	231	2.59%	30,938	
Honduras	87,594	2,563	2.93%	209,170	Partial until October 25
Mexico	847,108	86,059	10.16%	2,183,272	
Nicaragua	5,353	154	2.88%		
Panama	124,107	2,557	2.06%	585,821	
Paraguay	54,015	1,179	2.18%	330,854	
Peru	868,675	33,759	3.89%	4,249,458	Partial until October 31
Puerto Rico	28,711	766	2.67%		
Suriname	5,123	109	2.13%	17,191	
Uruguay	2,501	51	2.04%	283,904	
Venezuela	86,289	731	0.85%	3,068	Until Further Notice
REGIONAL TOTALS/AVGS	10,418,648	374,978	3.60%	40,073,290	

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*Partial quarantines vary by municipality, province or region.

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