Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker
Regional report - Latin America and Caribbean

This report summarises the major changes in the region for the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker's Containment and Health Index, providing a high level overview of shifts in government policies.

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REGION	Latin America and Caribbean
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Brief summary of major changes:

Following a steady increase in the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths, some Latin American countries have started to transition to "targeted" rather than national lockdowns. This includes containment efforts at the regional and city level (e.g., Chile, Perú) and, in some cases, neighborhood or within-city lockdowns (e.g., *localidades* in Bogota, Colombia; *colonias* in Mexico City, Mexico). Other countries have introduced staggered reopenings, combining shorter lockdowns with periods of economic activity (e.g., Costa Rica, Venezuela). Brazil has officially reopened its borders to international travel on 29 July, despite registering the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases (2.5 million) and deaths (90,134) in the region.

C1: School Closing	● major changes recorded
C2: Workplace Closing	● No**ARG:** On 17 July, the national government announced a progressive rollback of the lockdown measures imposed on 1 July. From 20 July, local businesses, restaurants, and hairdressers have started a staggered reopening in the AMBA region. This new phase is expected to take place until 2 August. ● **PAN:** From 27 July, more economic activities will be allowed in regions with a low number of COVID-19 cases. These include, among others, car sales, private construction, and professional and administrative services.
C3: Cancel Public Events	● No major changes recorded.
C4: Restrictions on Gatherings	● **ECU:** From 22 July, the Emergency Operations Committee (COE in Spanish) prohibited any kind of social gatherings in the 14 provinces most affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.
C5: Close Public Transport	● No major changes recorded.
C6: Stay at Home requirements	● **ARG:** From 20 July, the government announced an extension to the lockdown measures for the AMBA region. However, physical exercise and other outdoor activities are now allowed under certain conditions, such as specific hours of the day, the last digits of the national identity number (DNI), and the use of face masks for activities other than outdoor sports. ● **COL:** Bogota has transitioned to a "zonal lockdown", where the

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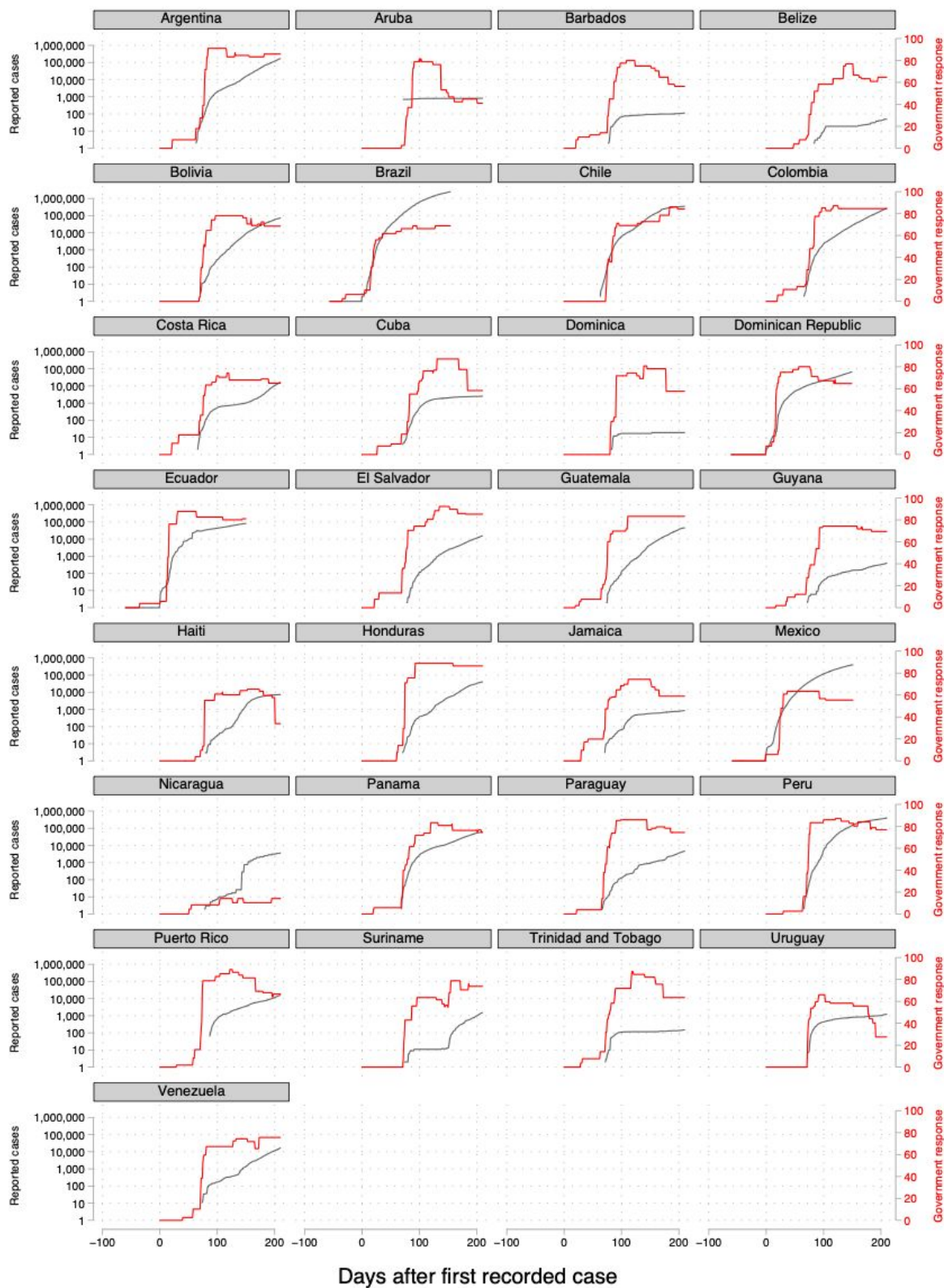
	three most densely populated areas of the city will rotate on two-week lockdown periods. This new measure is expected to take place until 14 August. ● **CHL:** On 27 July, local authorities announced targeted lockdown measures in the cities of Coquimbo, La Serena, and Puerto Montt, after a surge in new cases of COVID-19. ● **VEN:** From 20 July, the National Government imposed a more strict lockdown as part of the "7+7" strategy, aiming to curb the spread of the virus by alternating seven-day lockdowns with seven days of "safe flexibility".
C7: Restrictions on Internal movement	● **PER:** From 16 July, the country has resumed domestic flights. However, travel is still restricted to regions that remain under lockdown, due to a higher prevalence of COVID-19 cases.
C8: International Travel Controls	● **BRA:** On 29 July, Brazil reopened its border to international air travel and foreign tourists.
H2: Testing Policy	● No major changes recorded
H3: Contact Tracing	● No major changes recorded

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Cases vs Government Response Index:

Days after first recorded case

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