

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:

Many COVID-19 related restrictions were gradually lifted in the month of June throughout the Latin America & Caribbean region. Bars and nightclubs were allowed to re-open in **Aruba** and **Puerto Rico**, and were allowed to extend their opening hours in **Jamaica** during the month.

Stay at home curfews were loosened in **Jamaica** and the **Bahamas**, while being completely removed in **Barbados**. Vaccination eligibility was also widened to adolescents in **Aruba**, and to adolescents, undocumented migrants and refugees in **Uruguay**.

C1: School Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Argentina: School resumed face to face learning for some provinces including Buenos Aires on 11 June. • Belize: The government announced school closure effective 18 June due to lower vaccination rates for teachers.
C2: Workplace Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aruba: Bars can reopen as of 9 June; however, nightclubs remain closed with the limitation of all other establishments to close by 23:00. • Bahamas: Beginning 14 June, businesses in South Andros can operate between 06:00-21:00 and in North and Central Andros between 06:00-17:00. Strict measures continue to remain and vary between islands with authorities enforcing additional health regulations for nonessential businesses. Nassau and Paradise Island permitted fully vaccinated people for indoor dining. All unvaccinated individuals are required to present negative Covid-19 result to use hotel and facilities in Nassau and Paradise Island as well as the Abacos except Green Turtle Cay, Grand Cay, Man-O-war and Elbow Cay. • Jamaica: In a slight loosening of restrictions, from 3 June markets were only allowed to operate from 06:00-19:00 every day but Sunday, when they were to remain closed. Additionally, capacity limits for barber shops and hair salons were changed to 10 people, and bars could remain open for 1 hour longer, until 19:00 every day but Sunday, when they were to close at 14:00. • Puerto Rico: From 7 June, nightclubs, bars, and convention centres were allowed to re-open at 50% capacity. Attendees are required to be fully vaccinated or have a COVID-19 test in the past 72 hours.

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C3: Cancel Public Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puerto Rico: From 7 June, indoor social events were permitted to happen at 75% capacity and outdoor social events with no capacity limits as long as social distancing was followed. Individuals should be either fully vaccinated or provide proof of negative COVID-19 test from the past 72 hours before attending a public event.
C4: Restrictions on Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aruba: As of 9 June, sitting have increased to 10 people at a table with no limits at any musical entertainment • Puerto Rico: From 7 June, indoor social events were permitted to happen at 75% capacity and outdoor social events with no capacity limits as long as social distancing was followed. Individuals should be either fully vaccinated or provide proof of negative COVID-19 test from the past 72 hours before attending a gathering.
C5: Close Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes recorded.
C6: Stay at Home requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bahamas: Starting 14 June, strict lockdowns are replaced with less strict curfews. New curfews hours are placed in North and Central Andros from 18:00 to 05:00, on Cat Island from 20:00 to 05:00, on Nassau and Paradise Island from 22:00 to 05:00, on Grand Bahama Island from 23:00 pm to 05:00. • Barbados: Authorities have lifted all curfew restrictions beginning 29 June and eased measures. • Jamaica: Curfew restrictions were changed on 3 June. Residents are to remain home on weekdays from 21:00-05:00, Saturdays starting 20:00-05:00, and Sundays from 14:00-05:00.
C7: Restrictions on Internal movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes recorded.
C8: International Travel Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aruba: Travel ban from India, South Africa and Brazil has been lifted as of 7 June. Starting 9 June, fully vaccinated people are exempted from quarantine, however, molecular testing remains mandatory prior to 72 hours of departure for residents of all other countries. Any arrivals without the negative test result would have to undergo molecular testing at their own expense with a mandatory quarantine of 24 hours until results are received. • Columbia: In an effort to reduce international restrictions, the Ministry of Health has exempted international travelers entering Columbia from negative COVID-19 test result (except from India due to concerns regarding the new variant). • Cuba: Starting 5 June, the authorities have increased the mandatory quarantine time from five days to a week for all the international arrivals as well as to present a negative COVID-19 PCR result taken 72 hours prior to arrival. In addition, all travelers are required to take the PCR test upon arrival and a second test on the sixth day of the mandatory isolation.
H2: Testing Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes recorded.
H3: Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes recorded.
H6: Facial Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aruba: Beginning 9 June, masks are not mandatory, however, are recommended at places where 1.5 m of social distance cannot be maintained.

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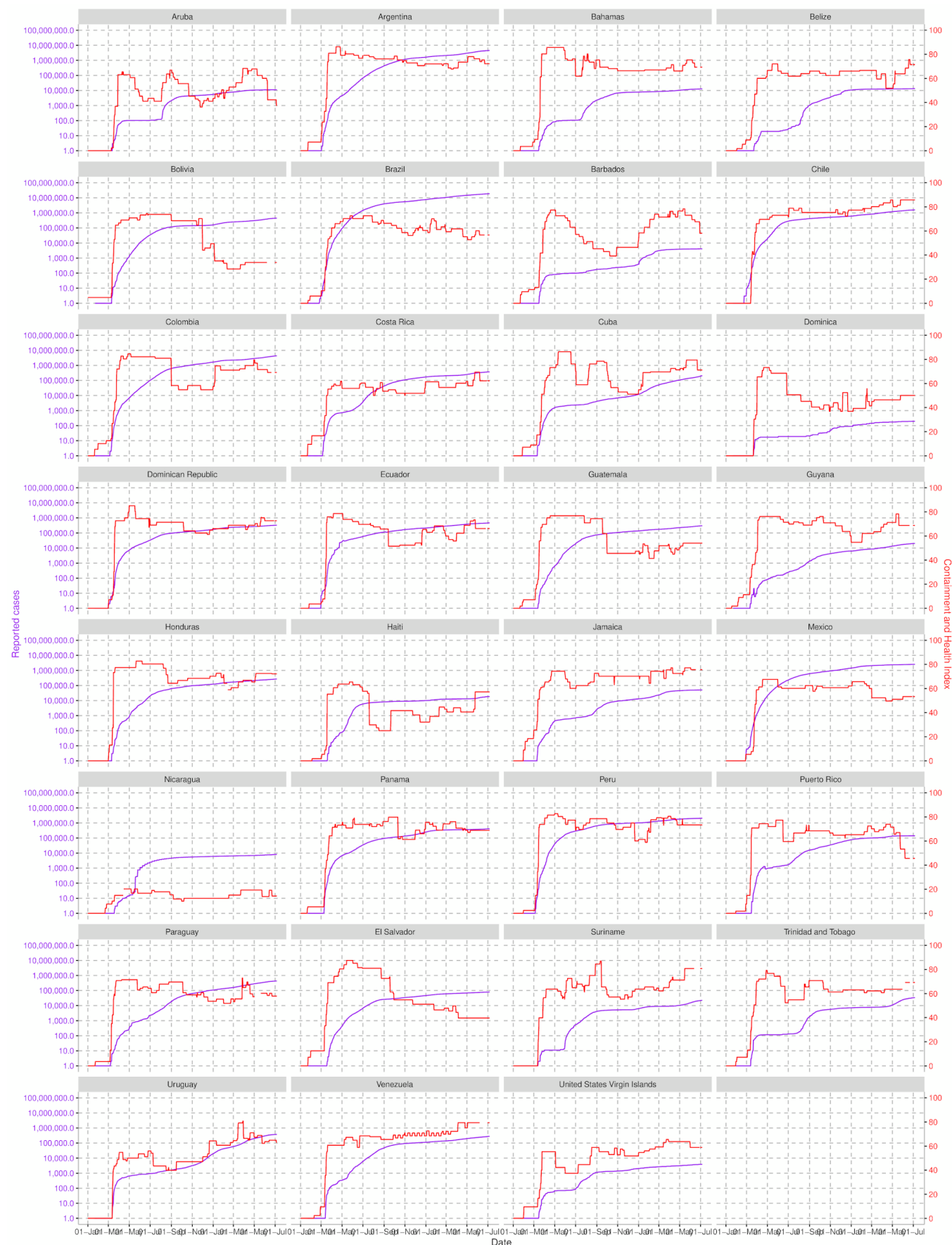


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H7: Vaccination Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aruba: Vaccination eligibility has extended to young people aged 16 and 17 years with chronic disease on 1 June.• Uruguay: From 11 June, adolescents aged 12 or older were able to receive COVID-19 vaccinations, and from 23 June undocumented migrants and refugees were eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. Available vaccines are Sinovac, Astra-Zeneca and Pfizer.
H8: Protection of elderly people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No major changes recorded.

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