

# 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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<b>REGION</b>	Latin America & Caribbean
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## Brief summary of major changes:

Restrictions varied widely throughout different regions in Latin America Caribbean. Most regions started resuming face to face learning such as **Costa Rica** and **Uruguay**. Most of the economic activities starting resuming fully in specific areas of the regions including **Aruba**, and **Puerto Rico** while others started operating with specific prohibitions such as **Bahamas** and **Brazil**. New curfew measures were imposed in specific regions of **Bahamas** and **Panama** as result of increased COVID-19 cases.

Facial coverings requirement in indoor facilities was reinstated in **Puerto Rico** regardless of vaccination. International travel measures were imposed on the basis of vaccination status in **Dominica**. Vaccination eligibility was extended to people aged 45-49 in **Honduras**, to healthcare workers and elderly in **Haiti**, and to people over 18 years of age in **El Salvador**.

<b>C1: School Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Costa Rica:</b> Beginning 12 July, in-person and virtual learning resumed for all public schools.</li> <li>• <b>Uruguay:</b> Face-to-face classes resumed on 19 July for second and third of Secondary Education and Technical Professional Education.</li> </ul>
<b>C2: Workplace Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aruba:</b> Beginning 5 July, all nightclubs/bars, <b>casinos and Bingos</b> are allowed to re-open. Restaurants seating are back to normal occupancy limits. Additionally, each business closing hours would be based upon permitted closing times.</li> <li>• <b>Bahamas:</b> Effective 1 July, all bars are prohibited to operate from 19:00-5:00 in <b>North and South Bimini</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Brazil:</b> From 9 July, all economic activities are resumed to operate from 9:00 to 23:00 with 60% occupancy limit as compared to 40% before in <b>Sao Paulo</b>. From 8 July, parks, cinemas and bars were reopened in <b>Curitiba (Parana)</b>, however, nightclubs continued to remain closed.</li> <li>• <b>Puerto Rico:</b> Effective 5 July, all businesses are resumed without any capacity and operational hours restrictions.</li> </ul>
<b>C3: Cancel Public Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bahamas:</b> Beginning 1 July, funeral services are limited to graveside only and weddings are permitted in Church or outdoors with a</li> </ul>

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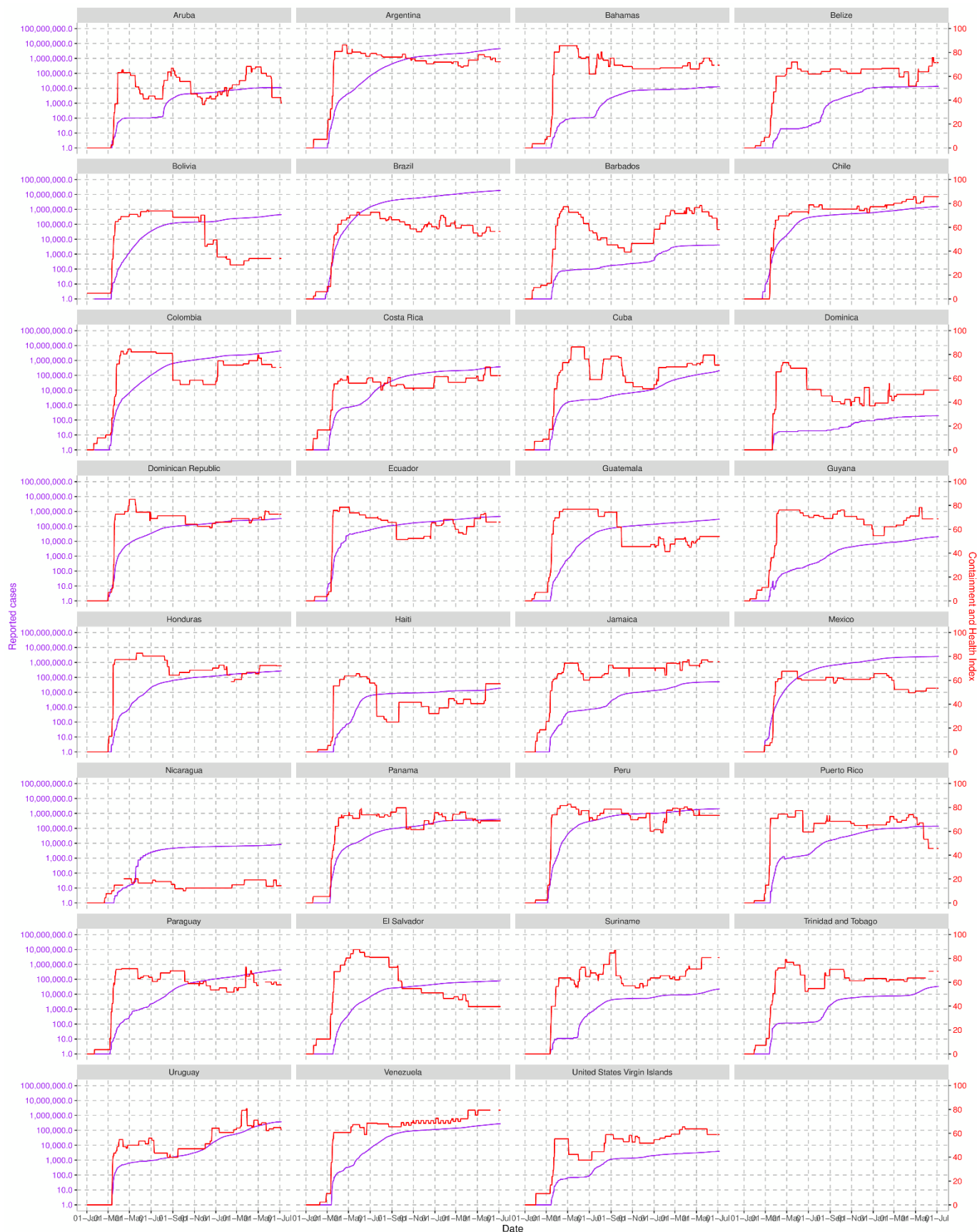


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	restriction of maximum of 10 people and in compliance with following the physical distancing and health protocols <b>in North and South Bimini</b> .
<b>C4: Restrictions on Gatherings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bahamas:</b> Beginning 1 July, social gathering are prohibited <b>in North and South Bimini</b> with the limitation of maximum of five people in a group on parks and beaches.</li> <li>• <b>Brazil:</b> Effective 10 July, the maximum capacity of 250 people was authorized for corporate events <b>in Uberaba</b> provided that participants of the event must present negative test with a validity of 72 hours or being fully vaccinated with the last dose 15 days prior to the event. Beginning 8 July, gatherings of more than 50 people were suspended in <b>Curitiba (Parana)</b>. <b>Effective 10 July</b>, indoor events with the 200 people and outdoor events with the 300 people capacity were authorized <b>in Sergipe</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>C5: Close Public Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brazil:</b> On 16 July, the maximum capacity in the public transport was increased from 75% to 90% <b>in Porto Alegre</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>C6: Stay at Home requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bahamas:</b> Effective 1 July, curfew is placed from 19:00 to 5:00 <b>in North and South Bimini</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Panama:</b> Curfew has been imposed as a result of increased COVID-19 cases from 12 July in <b>Donoso, Gualaca</b>, and <b>Chepo</b> from 22:00 to 4:00, in <b>Las Tablas, Los Santos</b> province from 20:00 to 4:00 and a total quarantine in <b>Colon, Pesé and Chitré</b> every Sunday.</li> </ul>
<b>C7: Restrictions on Internal movement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded.</li> </ul>
<b>C8: International Travel Controls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dominica:</b> Effective 6 July, fully vaccinated people must submit health questionnaire, negative PCR test with a validity of 24-72 hours before arrival online and proof of vaccination upon arrival followed by quarantine of 48 hours in government facility or approved property until a negative PCR result is obtained for second day testing. Unvaccinated arrivals from high-risk countries must quarantine for a minimum of five to seven days.</li> </ul>
<b>H2: Testing Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded.</li> </ul>
<b>H3: Contact Tracing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded.</li> </ul>
<b>H6: Facial Coverings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Puerto Rico:</b> Effective 28 July, mask-wearing in indoor facilities was revived for all individual regardless of the vaccination status.</li> </ul>
<b>H7: Vaccination Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Honduras:</b> Effective 15 July, vaccination began for people aged 45-49 with underlying conditions.</li> <li>• <b>Haiti:</b> First phase of vaccination commenced as of 16 July with the healthcare workers and elderly people among the first priority group to receive Moderna vaccine.</li> <li>• <b>El Salvador:</b> Beginning 9 July, vaccination commenced for people over 18 years of age.</li> </ul>
<b>H8: Protection of elderly people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded.</li> </ul>

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