

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:

Restrictions varied widely throughout different regions in Latin America Caribbean. Some regions started face to face learning such as **Argentina**, however, some suspended in person learning including **Brazil (Rio de Janeiro)** due to rising concerns about delta Variant. Some countries started resuming economic activities including **Barbados** whereas some closed down businesses and placed curfew along with restrictions on gatherings due to increasing number of cases such as **Dominica**.

Although no official policy changes were made in **Haiti**, the 14 August earthquake has impacted COVID-19 response efforts, specifically with the temporary suspension of COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccination policy was extended in **Brazil** to all the teenagers between 12- 17 and in **Columbia** to those between 15 to 19 years.

C1: School Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aruba: The government announced school to open on 1 September with the exception of online learning and daycares. • Argentina: Face to face classes resumed as of 7 August by following strict parameters. • Brazil: In person learning was suspended until 13 August in the 36 municipalities in the state of Rio de Janeiro due to growing concerns of delta variants in the state.
C2: Workplace Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbados: Effective 9 August, clubs and dance studios are allowed to operate following the proper SOPs. • Dominica: All non-essential businesses to remain closed from 3 August. Also, all night clubs and bars remained closed and Restaurants were available for take-out services only. • Trinidad & Tobago: In a loosening of restrictions, businesses such as retail and personal services reopened from 23 August. • Uruguay: From 24 August, ballrooms and event halls were permitted to re-open for 5 hours per day, with mandatory 20 minutes breaks every hour for air circulation.
C3: Cancel Public Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil: Effective 4 August, entertainment shows were permitted for vaccinated people only. In addition, bars and nightclubs were also permitted to operate in the city of Macapá.

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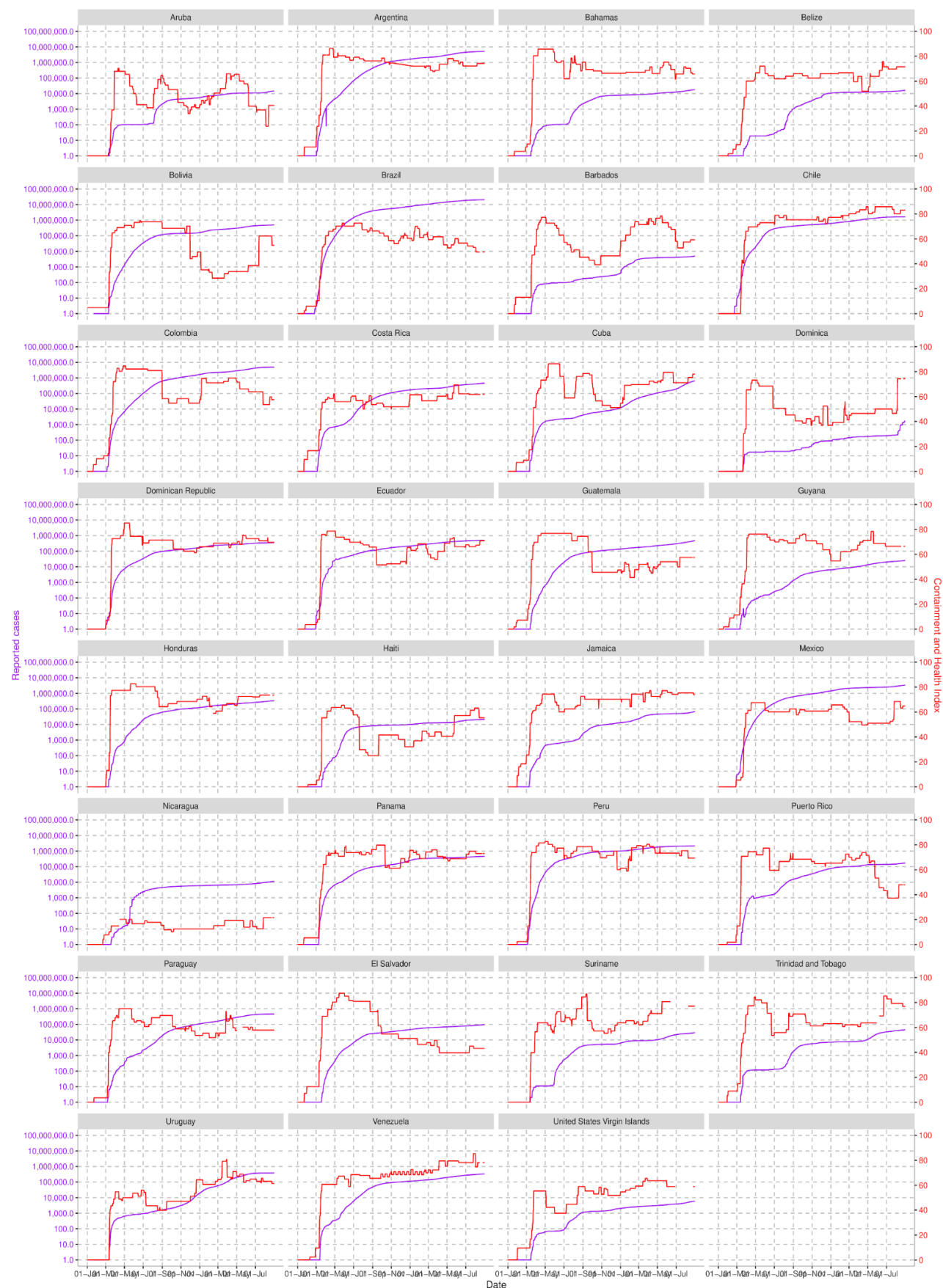
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominica: Beginning 3 August, all churches and other places of worship were to remain closed. All recreational and social events were also banned. • Puerto Rico: In a tightening of restrictions, proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 antigen test from the previous 24 hours was required to attend gatherings of more than 500 people, effective 16 August. • Uruguay: From 24 August onwards, people can gather in groups of 100 in closed spaces or 150 in open spaces if not all attendees are vaccinated, or in groups of 200 in closed spaces and 300 in open spaces if all attendees are vaccinated.
C4: Restrictions on Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aruba: Beginning 13 August, all private parties and entertainment in nightclubs are prohibited. • Dominica: Beginning 3 August, Weddings were limited to only 5 people whereas funerals were restricted to 10 people. Private parties, group tours and other social events were also prohibited.
C5: Close Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominica: Effective 3 August, public transport was limited to only 3 people per row.
C6: Stay at Home requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominica: Beginning 3 August, curfew was placed between 18:00-5:00 from Mondays to Fridays whereas on Saturdays, curfew was placed beginning 15:00 and remained throughout Sunday, following until 5:00 on Monday due to an increase in the number of cases. • Jamaica: Tightening restrictions slightly, curfews were made longer effective 11 August, with new curfews set at 19:00-05:00 weekdays, 18:00-05:00 Saturday, and 14:00-05:00 Sundays.
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"> • Guyana: As of 1 August, international travellers must show proof of being fully vaccinated to enter the country in addition to a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival.
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: Effective 7 August, masks are mandatory in all indoor locations.
H7: Vaccination Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil: Vaccination eligibility extended to teenagers between 12 and 17 years in São Paulo effective 18 August. • Columbia: Beginning 21 August, vaccination began for those 15 to 19 years.
H8: Protection of elderly people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes recorded.

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